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Supawanich, McQueen win Mr., Ms. Georgia Tech titles

By Swathy Prithivi
Contributing Writer

The winners of the Mr. and Ms. Georgia Tech titles this year are Paul Supawanich, a senior Industrial Engineer, and Ashlee McQueen, a senior Biomedical Engineering major.

The recipients were announced Saturday during the halftime ceremonies of the homecoming football game against Duke.

The applications for this honor are due a month before the actual event and require background information, an essay and a quick fact sheet about the applicant.

The applicant can have a sponsor organization, but such is not necessary for participation.

The initial process includes screening of all the applicants, who are then interviewed by a panel of judges whose members include campus faculty, staff and alumni and have photographs taken for the competition.

The competition is then narrowed down to 10 male and 10 female semi-finalists. There is a campus-wide voting process for a few days from which the five male and five female finalists and eventually the winners are chosen.

The criteria for judging the candidates included communication skills, self-assurance, activities and honors, career goals, enthusiasm and school spirit, campus and community involvement, and leadership ability.



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Mr. and Ms. Georgia Tech Paul Supawanich and Ashlee McQueen receive their honors during halftime at the homecoming game.

What makes a winner in this distinguished pool of people? The key to success, said Supawanich, is to set your goals higher.

He said that college is a "one-time affair" and it is the time to sample different organizations, ideas and people and at the same time to enjoy the entire process.

A big factor, according to him, is taking the time to get to know your peers.

Supawanich said this honor was a humbling experience and something he didn't know was coming. To people out there with aspirations of getting the title, it is not out of reach, he added.

Rising ^{above} the Competition

Homecoming 2004 event winners

Top Overall Fraternities

Delta Chi (254 pts)
Kappa Sigma (231 pts)
Tau Kappa Epsilon (219 pts)
Delta Sigma Phi (215.5 pts)
Theta Xi (211 pts)

Top Overall Sororities

Alpha Gamma Delta (263 pts)
Phi Mu (247 pts)
Alpha Chi Omega (214.5 pts)
Alpha Delta Pi (178 pts)
Alpha Xi Delta (162 pts)

Top Overall Student Orgs

Band (87 pts)
Air Force ROTC (25 pts)
Ramblin' Reck Club (20 pts)
Ambassadors (10 pts)
Jewish Student Org. (10 pts)
Navy ROTC (10 pts)
Omega Phi Alpha (10 pts)



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Delta Chi won second place for its members' performance in the Mock Rock competition, one of the week's many events.

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to earn that title.

Homecoming attendance normal despite fall break

By Jody Shaw
Editor Emeritus

This year's homecoming celebration marked the first time in recent history the annual week of events fell immediately prior to fall break, with a number of the week's cornerstone events occurring on Friday afternoon and Saturday—the first of a four-day midterm break in the course calendar.

Traditionally many students use the recess as an opportunity to travel; for many out-of-state students this weekend provides their first chance to visit home since the start of fall semester. The homecoming schedule, however, forced students to choose between staying on campus through Saturday to participate in some of Tech's oldest traditions or taking the opportunity for extended travel or relaxation. In terms of participation, it appears that students overwhelmingly chose to stay at the Institute through the weekend's events.

"I really didn't notice any change with regard to participation," said Katy Gustashaw, homecoming chair for the Ramblin' Reck Club (RRC), which organizes Friday's Mini 500, as well as the Freshman Cake Race and Wreck Parade that take place Saturday morning.

"Our traditions are some of the strongest. Alumni really cling to them—especially the Wreck Parade—and that helps to encourage and motivate the undergraduates."

The Inter-Fraternity and Panhellenic Councils, which adjudicate points for various events considered part of the homecoming competition in the Greek community, worked with the Reck Club and the Student Center, which organize a number of the week's events, to encourage participation in spite of the less-than-ideal schedule. The result was that the impending break failed to impact most of the weekend homecoming events.

"The only event significantly

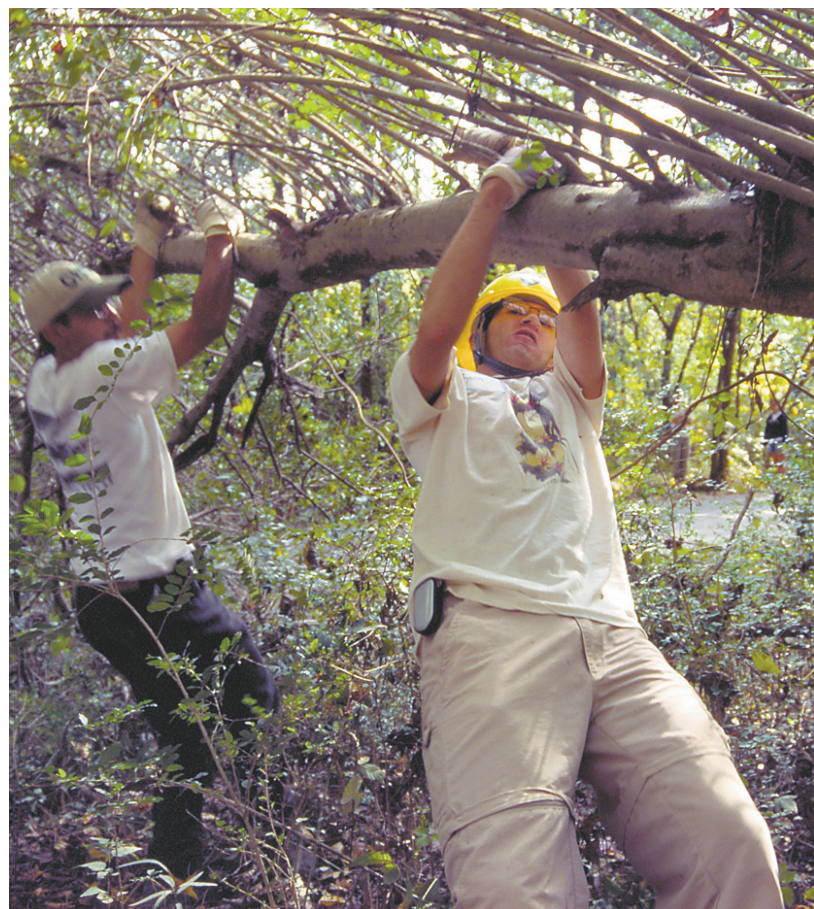
affected by the date was the Freshman Cake Race," said Brandon Elson, Student Center homecoming chair.

Organizers adjusted the threshold for participation points for the Freshman Cake Race, the 6 a.m. run that pits first-year students against each other to win a cake and the right to kiss Mr. or Ms. Georgia Tech. In the past, IFC and Panhellenic required 100 percent of a chapter's freshman students participate in the event in order to receive full participation points.

"Having 100 percent attendance from your freshmen is a stretch whether it is fall break or not," Elson said.

This year, the threshold was lowered to 90 percent to avoid penalizing groups whose freshmen might have wanted to use the opportunity to visit home—perhaps for the first time since starting college. Even with the amended rules some groups still struggled

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By Ayan Kishore / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Building Community Ties: Tech students reached out to the Atlanta community last weekend through TEAM Buzz. Here, a pair of Tech students work at the Chatahoochee Nature Center as part of a team assigned there.

Flu vaccines unavailable to students

By Emily Tate
Contributing Writer

"If you're young and healthy, don't get a flu shot," President George W. Bush said when addressing the flu vaccine shortage during the final televised presidential debate. To the dismay of some Tech students, this year their chances of getting a flu vaccination have greatly diminished along with the supply of medicine used to vaccinate. This local short-

age goes along with a nationwide shortage due to the contamination of vaccine being imported from an international drug manufacturer located in Great Britain.

"Due to the shortage of flu vaccines, it is doubtful that Health Services will receive our order for this year. Although we have not received official notification from the manufacturer, it is most likely that our order will be diverted," states the Tech Health Services

news website in order to inform students that they will not be able to get the free flu shots offered every year in the past by Health Services.

This situation presents a problem for the Tech community in the coming flu season.

The few locations in the Metro Atlanta area that are offering flu vaccinations, including local clinics, Kroger and Publix grocery stores, and the county divisions of the Department of Health, are

screening candidates for high-risk symptoms before the vaccine is given.

"The flu shots are being redirected to facilities for patients at high risk, and most Tech students are not at high risk," said Cindy Smith, director of Student Health Services.

High-risk candidates would include anyone who has asthma, diabetes, heart disease, is pregnant or will be pregnant dur-

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Fast-a-Thon raises funds for hungry

The Muslim Students' Association is holding a Ramadan Fast-a-Thon event next Friday, Nov. 5. MSA invites non-Muslim students to join in fasting that day. For each participating student, local businesses will donate at least \$1 to an emergency food provider in Atlanta.

At the fast's conclusion, all participants are invited to share a meal on campus courtesy of MSA and the local Muslim community.

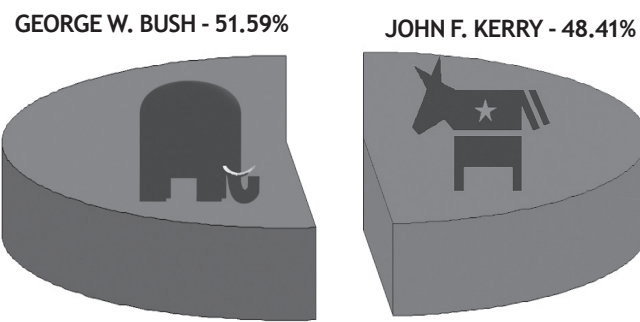
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How come nobody bitches about global warming when it's cold outside?
hey girl on cell-phone! who are you talking to?

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Technique Online Voice your opinion!
Last issue's question received 1,760 responses.
Bush or Kerry?



By Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
This week's question:
What did you do for Halloween?
Tell us at www.nique.net



Theft	
10/21/2004	7:43:00 hrs.
Location: MRC side lot	
Incident: Report of a stolen boot.	
10/21/2004	16:34:00 hrs.
Location: Gilbert Price Library	
Incident: Report of a stolen Motorola cell phone..	
10/21/2004	9:10:00 hrs.
Location: Cherry Street/Mean Street	
Incident: Report of a stolen parking boot.	

From the files of the GTPD...
Crime Reports

Theft (continued)		Controlled substances	
10/23/2004	3:07:00 hrs.	10/23/2004	2:37:00 hrs.
Location: Fowler Street and Ferst Drive		Location: Howell residence hall	
Incident: Report of a stolen/recovered grill.		Incident: Underage student in possession of alcohol.	
10/24/2004	14:09:00 hrs.	10/23/2004	3:22:00 hrs.
Location: Sigma Nu Fraternity		Location: Fourth Street at Fowler Street	
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.		Incident: Underage students in possession of alcohol.	
10/25/2004	8:26:00 hrs.	10/24/2004	21:26:00 hrs.
Location: Post office at Student Center		Location: Howell residence hall	
Incident: Report of stolen packages.		Incident: Students in possession of marijuana.	
10/25/2004	12:02:00 hrs.	Battery	
Location: Hemphill Apartments		10/23/2004	3:26:00 hrs.
Incident: Theft by deception: subject didn't receive items purchased over the internet.		Location: Woodruff hall	
		Incident: Offender arrested for obstruction of a police officer.	

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i come bearing a gift. i'll give you a hint. it's in my diaper and it's not a toaster...
fucking douche bags, i fucking hate you
fuk you
Arkansas can't get it up!!!
Why is everyone smiling?
And then there was none...(hot water)
Ms. Sylvia for president!!!
Wow - Radical Industries
how many
slivers can
i get
in a
row
?
I got a letter from my apartment management. The people in the apartment below me were bitching that I was "walking too loud".
So I bought a pogo stick. Which I use at 2 in the morning. That'll give them reason to bitch.
Of course no-one says anything about their leaving a bag of garbage outside their apartment for 3 days straight.
Obviously a complex where the rent is higher does not yield a higher class of people.
FACEBOOK -->the new way for techies to stalk each other! ;)
Remember: On Election Day, if you're not outraged, you're not paying attention.

Pick up a
copy of the
Technique
every friday!

Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

Graduate Student Senate

Grads fund Music Listening Room, RHA

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

Tuesday morning's Graduate Student Senate meeting focused on two main bills in addition to a slate of conference committee bills.

The largest bill to come before the graduates was a request from the Music Listening Room for about \$22,000 worth of new furniture. The request was for the other half of new furniture that was requested from SGA in a bill last year, said organization representative David Ziskind, Student Center Programs Council treasurer.

At the time of the original bill, Ziskind said, UHR passed the bill for full, but GSS did not. The compromise was to partially fund the new furniture last year, and to cover the rest this year.

"The existing furniture is over 20 years old... basically, there's nothing left to it," Ziskind said.

After some brief discussion, the senators passed the bill.

The other major bill to come before the Senate was a request for \$2,000 to be allocated to RHA to help pay for its Vegas Night event, part of the Ramblin' Nights series.

Initially, the graduates discussed

- Bills passed**
- Joint allocation to Men's Lacrosse Club (a-c) *Conf. Committee*
 - Joint allocation to Chinese Student Association *Conf. Committee*
 - Joint allocation to Music Listening Room
 - Joint allocation to Women's Leadership Conference
 - Joint allocation to Residence Hall Association

tabling the bill.

"JFC recommended strongly to table this bill, and I'll tell you why," said David Andersen, JFC chair. "We did not feel we are the last source for funding... We don't want to tie up more money than we have to right now," he added.

The organization representatives had indicated to JFC that the Alumni Association would possibly provide some funding but was waiting to see what SGA did. After some discussion between organization reps and senators, it was decided that the Alumni Association was likely to provide about \$700 of the \$1,500 requested, and so allocation requests for security and a movie showing were cut from the bill, and it passed.

Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR seeks efficiency in funding

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

Tuesday's Undergraduate House of Representatives meeting opened with a report from treasurer Ambika Bumb and JFC chair David Andersen on the efficient use of funds in allocation bills.

For example, Andersen mentioned last week's allocation of about 10 percent of SGA's Prior Year account to the Men's Lacrosse team. Andersen said it is a great organization and good cause, but the allocation also amounted to about \$350 per student.

"The thing I wanted to hit on," he said, "is that we only have a limited amount of money. We're only in fall semester right now. Come spring semester we're going to get a lot of large requests that will affect a lot of students."

Andersen added, "We're trying to impact as many students as possible."

Aside from the business of money allocations, the House also discussed recent attendance problems. Lately, attendance has dropped each week, said Undergraduate Student Body President Amy Phuong. This week, the House barely made quorum—she warned it may not by next week.

The representatives discussed adopting a mandatory attendance rule for the year and defining the number of allowed absences for the remainder of this year's session.

However, after some discussion on the matter, it was decided that advance notice of rule changes would be required, as a two-thirds vote of all members of the House would be needed to enact any such changes without prior notification. That meant the vote would have to have been unanimous.

UHR also went into lengthy discussion on the four conference



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Senior Class President Eleanor Baccay and senior representative Stephanie Bent discuss a bill during Tuesday night's UHR meeting.

committee bills for men's lacrosse. While the first three were passed relatively quickly, the fourth was the focus of a long discussion that nearly tabled the bill.

According to Junior Class President Andrew Howard, there was a long debate in conference committee about the last bill, which was a request for \$5,400 from Capital Outlay to fund equipment. The undergrads had passed the bill, while the graduates had amended it to \$0 before passing. The conference committee compromise was \$2,885.

However, since conference committee bills cannot be amended, a bill that fails one house dies.

Howard did note an exception, however. A ratio rule agreed upon by the senate and house could still let the undergrads pass the bill no matter what the graduates did—the agreement centers on the fact that some 60 percent of the student body is undergraduate, while 40 percent is graduate.

- Bills passed**
- Joint allocation to Men's Lacrosse Club (a-d) *Conf. Committee*
 - Joint allocation to Residence Hall Association
 - Joint allocation to Cycling Club
 - Appointments of Undergraduate Student Council Committee Chairs

Thus, the discrepancy in representation is noted when one house fails a conference committee bill but the other does not.

In this case, UHR's percentage of yeas votes would be multiplied by .6, while the GSS's nay votes would have a multiplier of .4. Thus it was determined that if everyone in UHR voted to pass this bill, it would not matter what the graduates did to it.

After the explanation, and determining that the rule was interpreted correctly, the undergrads passed the bill unanimously.

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"One of the things that Georgia Tech will do for you is that it will remove all the joy of mathematics from you" -Dr. Meddin
The Facebook is an addiction!

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MOVE advisor leaves Tech

By Haining Yu
Assistant News Editor

David Prophitt, program director for Tech’s Community Service Program, better known as MOVE’s advisor, will be leaving Tech next Tuesday for a new position with the American Cancer Society as state manager for Relay for Life for Georgia.

Prophitt, who was pivotal in bringing Relay for Life to Tech, began his tenure at Tech in February of 1999 as the associate program director for community services. In 1999, MOVE and other community service committees were still under the jurisdiction of Auxiliary Services and the Student Center Programs Board. Only four different committees were run separately as different committees under the board: Techwood Tutorial Project, Partners in Interactive Education,

TEACH and Best Buddies.

Now, MOVE oversees 13 different committees that range from Relay for Life, to MOVE Outdoors, to Into the Streets.

“MOVE right now is... at a place where it’s really strong,” Prophitt said, though he took little credit for himself.

According to him, credit for MOVE’s growing success is largely due to the students, who “have such a great passion in whatever they get involved with...introduce an idea and they just run with it.”

Prophitt admitted, “It’s hard to leave in the middle of the school year, but I feel confident in leaving now because the students have created such a strong organization.” MOVE is really well-established now, said Prophitt, and it has great plans for this year.

In 2001, a decision made by Institute President Wayne Clough

to better couple Tech’s leadership initiative with service, meant that the community service committees made an important move from the Student Center Programs Board to the Student Affairs division.

According to Prophitt, this move “really provided the spring board for us to grow.” The change of jurisdiction also meant a physical relocation for MOVE from the Student Center Program’s third floor office to a more visible second floor office that was all their own.

This year, MOVE has relocated to the Student Services Building into what was formerly the Student Activities Office. “I think that having a space that’s more accessible to students is great,” Prophitt said. “[Students] have a place to hang out and to create their programs and educate their peers about service.”

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ing flu season, and health care workers exposed to the flu virus.

There is much dispute over defining Tech’s population based on those who are at risk and those who are not.

“It’s unfortunate that you can’t get it...I think college students are more at risk because when one person gets it, the next minute, everyone has it,” said Stephanie Kazanecki, first-year Architecture major. While most students at Tech don’t fall into the definition given for “high-risk,” there are a few who do.

According to Smith, even the medical staff at Student Health

Services has not been vaccinated because of the acute shortage.

Another potential source for finding the scarce flu vaccine is findaflushot.com. However, even this website, sponsored by Maxim Health Services has had to cancel its order prematurely due to the shortage of the availability of the vaccine.

Student Health Services is advising the common-sense hygiene method of prevention when it comes to any seasonal

ailment.

SHS advises that if “you come in contact in any way with the virus, that you immediately go to the Health Services Building where you can get treatment to ensure your wellness stays intact,” Smith said.

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So hard to concentrate in CS recitation when the guy in front of you has a half naked chick on his computer desktop...

#man woman Segmentation fault (core dumped)

Bush: “Want some wood?”

IL.A.M.T.

Do not grope me while I am pwning!

teh n00tz W@S HeR3

Tech screws 1000 students and faculty to accomodate a dozen volleyball players?? sounds about right

nnnnnnnnnnnddddaaaa

Haha, that dating for a techie article is hilarious

Roosevelt/ Fairbanks in ‘04!

accept red jesus as your personal lord and savior

Missing: East Campus Kitten. Anyone seen the little kitten recently?

Spirit Halloween Superstore KICKS!!

Microsoft Freelancer also KICKS! Kinda old game, but still good.

well crap... the ‘nique guy predicted Tech to win; prepare for Duke win.

Save the barbell club.

woohoo, after last week Reggie is back on the ballot!!!

Rich, being asian means you are white!! so shut up and make you fellow white friends some ramen noodles.

Red Jesus, where can I get a hat like that?

So maybe there was a drug dealer on the 4th floor, but that is no reason to turn the fire alarm on and wake me up

prob for ben, that’s our final offer

PL 3:30 is NOT late to be up on a weekday night

Why does my room all of the sudden reek of alcohol the day before my parents are to arrive

You think we are pathetic now. Wait till Halo 2 comes out!!!

pray for mojo

Red Jesus: Does that hat you have come in blue?

First black sorority marks 25 years

By Michael Handelman
Staff Writer

The Nu Beta chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority celebrated its 25th anniversary on campus with a celebration held at the Renaissance Concourse Hotel during homecoming weekend. AKA was the first African-American sorority at Tech.

Alumni of the chapter and their families were invited to a reunion at the event.

One goal of the anniversary meeting was to strengthen the support network among current students and alumni.

According to founding member Gail Reid Hackbart, "The chapter has grown immensely in terms of the number of women that have gone through there."

She added, "We are coming back to establishing a stronger support base for the young ladies who are on campus, and the young ladies who are interested in being a part of the ceremonies."

Current members of AKA feel that their presence at Tech has benefited the campus.

"It has allowed me to work with

determined women such as myself to benefit the [Tech] community...it feels good to know we are contributing service and programs to the community that help raise the standard of Georgia Tech student life in general," said AKA president Ayanna Miller. Hackbart emphasized the service activities that the sorority has undertaken. "We do a drive to raise money for the cancer society...they have done projects where they go out to nursing homes," she said.

Nichollette Battle, president of the AKA alumni organization, felt that the sorority will continue to pursue its long-term goals.

"As the first sorority for women of color we will always be defined as innovators...we will continue to have the goals of scholarship, leadership, high moral standards and above all, service to mankind," Battle said.

"There are a lot of innovative women in Nu Beta," she added.

"We have the span of doctors, lawyers, executives, engineers, ministers and even a beauty queen or two within our midst...through academic and community involvement, Nu Beta will continue to set the standard."

week's events, David was a driving force, helping to ensure the sustainability of GTCOW's success."

"His willingness to help, his availability to students, his dedication to a cause," Pendleton-Parker said, "will all be remembered by the students whose lives he touched."

Prophitt said what he will miss most about his job is being able to work with college students.

According to one such student, former MOVE President Rachel Giese, Prophitt has been "an example of social responsibility. He is always willing to take time to talk and puts students first. Georgia Tech has truly benefitted from his leadership."

Assistant Dean of Students Danielle McDonald and her student involvement team composed of two graduate students will take over Prophitt's advising positions in community service until a replacement can be found.

The Pride Alliance is still in the process of searching for a new advisor.



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Slashdotted: Rob Malda, creator of the popular online forum slashdot.org, a center for "News for nerds," spoke to Tech students Tuesday night in the Student Center ballroom. Malda talked about his spaghetti code and why he doesn't like Java, among other things.

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to obtain full participation points in the Cake Race event.

Other weekend events remained unaffected by the break.

"The Wreck Parade is set up to the point that you don't need a certain number of individuals more than would be expected to be in town," Elson said, commenting on the fact that the parade actually limits participation.

According to Gustashaw, RRC actually received one more entry for the contraption portion of the Wreck Parade compared to the previous year's total, and the consensus among the organizers is that the number of spectators for the wreck parade was on par with other years as well.

"We also had only seven spaces left over for the Mini 500, which has a limit of 50 teams. We had more [tricycles] leftover last year than this year," Gustashaw said.

Non-Greek participation in homecoming has not traditionally been high, and when the date was initially announced in spring, some campus officials worried it would decrease even further.

"If they have to choose between taking a four-day weekend and participating in homecoming, which

maybe they have only done once or twice, what are they going to do?" said Greek Advisor Buck Cooke, in a February 20 *Technique* article.

In spite of initial worries, however, there is no indication this year's schedule, which might have affected non-Greek turnout for the weekend events, exacerbated the problem. Only four non-Greek organizations participated in the Mini 500, though that total was not as significant a break with the past.

According to Elson, non-Greek participation continues to be a challenge for homecoming organizers, especially with regards to events that required an entry fee.

"The cost of conducting events requires that we put a price on participation, which discourages non-Greek groups without a budget set aside for homecoming from participating," Elson said.

Overall, even with the break, most consider the week a success.

"Ideally it would have been better if homecoming had not fallen on the same weekend as fall break," Elson said. "But you have to take into account the fact that there is only a small window of time where homecoming can be placed."

In February, when leaders from the student organizations involved in homecoming planning met with

representatives from the Alumni Association, Athletic Association and Office of the President, among others, to select the homecoming Date, that "small window" caused headaches for the group.

This year's football schedule, the first in the expanded Atlantic Coast Conference, offered only a handful of options for possible homecoming dates.

The initial selection of the Duke game as homecoming meant that organizers jumped through administrative hoops to reschedule fall break, which had been originally slated to occur Oct. 11-12—the Monday and Tuesday prior to the Duke game. If fall break had remained in its original calendar slot, a week's worth of activities would have been reduced to three days, as occurred during homecoming 2001. Such a situation was one that all parties sought to avoid.

"We had a sense that we had a homecoming because of the week's work of events, even if less people actually went to the game," Gustashaw said.

For more information on the fall break and homecoming scheduling process, see the Feb. 20 issue of the *Technique* which is available online at www.nique.net.

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Calling the job with the American Cancer Society "that next step in my career," Prophitt believes that the leadership training experience he's gained at Tech will aid him.

During his time at Tech, Prophitt has also worked extensively as advisor to the Pride Alliance, Tech's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (GLBTQ) student organization. Calling this his "volunteer work," Prophitt has played a large part in helping to cultivate programs such as GTCOW and Safe Space. "I've really enjoyed that opportunity to advise those groups," Prophitt said.

"David was involved in GTCOW from its inception at Tech," said Billie Pendleton-Parker, who has worked with Prophitt on various initiatives, including GTCOW and Safe Space. "From attending meetings with students to being available for consultations to participating in the

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grfndor rcks
these TAs grade hard, the worst part is they'd fail the test too
How come students who will fight to prevent tuition hike can't be bothered to vote? Voting gives us leverage over officials who can raise tuition!
Note to self: buy panda repellent for the next time he tries to strangle me

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OPINIONS

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Quote of the week:
"Assumptions are the termites of relationships."
 —Henry Winkler

OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

Movin' on up

After five years of overseeing MOVE and other community service programs on campus, David Prophitt, the assistant director of student involvement and community service, will leave Tech this week for a new position with the American Cancer Society. We congratulate Prophitt on his new job, but his presence will be sorely missed on campus.

Prophitt has made a significant impact on campus since his arrival in 1999. Before he began his tenure, MOVE only had four volunteer committees and now has 13. MOVE has expanded to include Hunger and Homelessness Week and Into the Streets, among others. Prophitt was instrumental in helping students bring Relay for Life to Tech. He has also served as the volunteer advisor for Pride Alliance, the Safe Space program and GTCOW.

Prophitt's efforts, coupled with President Clough's move to integrate service with Tech's leadership initiative in 2001, have clearly paid off in a big way, facilitating the growth of volunteer activities on campus.

In this case, the combination of a talented, motivated individual and the creation of a supportive administrative environment unleashed student potential. The popularity of the aforementioned programs along with Team Buzz and Tech Beautification Day are evidence of this.

We hope that servant leadership will only continue to grow on campus after thriving under strong leadership for the past few years. As long as the underlying support structure remains in place, there are no limits for volunteerism on campus.

Don't tune out now

The nationwide elections are only days away. Throughout the campaign season, students and campus political organizations have made herculean efforts to encourage their peers to vote. The College Democrats and College Republicans have hosted dueling screenings of *Fahrenheit 9/11* and *FahrenHYPE 9/11* and have held mock debates. Both groups spent a considerable amount of time registering voters on Skiles Walkway and in the post office.

And student interest could not be higher. The poll on Tech's homepage asked respondents to pick their choice for president. Over 11,000 votes responded. A similar *Technique* poll in this week's issue garnered over 1,700 votes. But voting in an online poll is easier than standing in line at the polling station and casting your ballot. Don't let something like a calculus test, something so trivial in the long run, keep you from exercising your right as a citizen of the United States.

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By Brian Lewis / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

It's okay, not everyone has a plan

I'm graduating this spring, and it's that time of the year when most of my peers are busy taking the GRE, finding professors to write recommendations, filling out grad school applications or dressing smartly for interviews with prospective employers.

Me, I'm clueless. But you know what? *I'm okay with that.*

I just wish that others were okay with it, too.

My current internship with WSB-TV requires that it count for academic credit. Since the internship isn't related to my major, when I was applying this past summer I went desperately from one office to another to see if anyone could help me secure the credit I needed. I tried my departmental advisor, the Division of Professional Practice and Career Services. All of them basically shrugged their shoulders and told me there was nothing they could do to help.

I finally received credit (though it doesn't even count as a free elective) from the LCC department in a very pleasant meeting with the STaC advisor.

I like to think that maybe, since STaC is generally an unfamiliar major to employers, the advisor was so helpful because she understood the feeling of being uncertain about your career.

But I remember that trip to Career Services—my first and only visit to date—particularly vividly. All I was looking for was a yes-or-no answer: can you help me or can you direct me to someone who can help me get credit for this internship? After the career advisor shook his head, I was ready to get up, thank him politely and leave.

But he didn't let me leave. He asked the dreaded question, "Have you thought about what you want to do after you graduate?"

The visit turned into 30 minutes of well-intentioned but unhelpful



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Jennifer Lee
 Focus Editor

career counseling. When I explained, "I'm not sure, I'm looking into science journalism, that's why I'm applying to this internship," he didn't seem to know how to deal with my answer—especially with me being an EE.

He could have suggested that I take some LCC classes, look into some liberal arts-oriented graduate programs, or suggested some other careers that might incorporate science and writing.

Even just being more open-minded and encouraging would have been a good start.

But instead, he started talking jobs. "The reality is, your parents won't want you living at home mooching of them after you graduate!" he laughed, only half-jokingly.

I wanted to tell him I was pretty sure my parents cared more about my finding a job that I *enjoy*, but instead I sat there in miserable silence while he reproached me for not having my resume up on monstertrak.com.

Career Services is just an example, though.

I get so many emails from my major school and professional organizations for luncheons with big-name companies like IBM and GE. "Bring your resume," the invitations proclaim, "Dress appropriately."

But what if I just want to come by and see what that company is all about? There's no room for curiosity; there are too many students hungry for the job.

Grad school info sessions can be

equally as single-minded, focusing on admissions requirements rather than describing what kind of students their program might appeal to.

Out of the 15,000 students at Tech, I am sure there are plenty who are just as unsure about their future as I am—and not just freshmen, either. So why do I always feel so alone in my uncertainty?

This school is often so driven, so intent on making sure that its students graduate with good jobs and high honors, that there's little room for exploration.

Granted, many students are career-focused; many do come to Tech and find their passion in classes and research.

As for me, I have yet to take any definitive steps toward a post-graduation plan. There are so many factors, personal and academic, that I don't know how to take into account.

But here is what I do know: I have good grades, a well-rounded resume, great communication skills and work experience both in my major and otherwise.

I am a passionate, caring individual, and if Tech has taught me anything, it's how to work my ass off.

I am confident that I can be successful, whether it's in engineering or journalism or *whatever*, whether it takes me a few years after I graduate or another 20 years.

I just wish everyone else here—my school, my department, even my coworkers and friends—could have some confidence in me, too.

Strengths of the candidates not the only issue

Unless you've been isolated in a locked room with hours of work piled on you for the last several months, you likely know what this Tuesday will bring.

So...most of you probably have no idea what's happening. No worries. I'll tell you. One-and-a-half-hour classes. And what's worse, some of them start at 8 a.m.

In all seriousness, however, the presidential election is something not to be taken lightly—and, judging from reports of record registration and expected high turnout in the 18-25 age group, it seems more and more people realize that.

However, this particular election seems to pose a problem for many that still keeps them away from the polls: the strength of the candidates.

The dilemma is often described in such glowing terms as “choosing the lesser of two evils,” or, as Conan O'Brien's Triumph the Insult Comic Dog charmingly put it, “America again attempts to figure out which toilet to drink out of.”

I have heard several peers express their desire not to vote at all in the race since neither choice is desirable to them.

However, it's important to realize that the presidential election is about more than just the candidates, as recent announcements regarding Chief



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Stephen Baehl
News Editor

Justice William Rehnquist's health demonstrate. Rehnquist was hospitalized last weekend with thyroid cancer—he said he will return to work, but the development emphasizes the very real possibility of a major judicial appointment coming in the next four years.

And Rehnquist isn't the only justice who may be nearing retirement; the High Court is generally expected to be due for appointments fairly soon, as it has been roughly 10 years since a justice stepped down from the court. This is the longest time period with no retirement from the Supreme Court in 180 years.

In addition, Justice John Paul Stevens is 84; Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is 74—both near or well past typical retirement age. Rehnquist himself is 80.

As such, voters should keep in mind that while they may or may not entirely agree with either candidate or may not even agree with half of what either

candidate says, where President Bush and Senator Kerry stand on the political spectrum will heavily influence their appointment choices.

This fact in and of itself could serve to bring to light an issue considered heavily divisive, but which has not taken front-seat consideration alongside issues such as the Iraq war during the election: abortion.

Kerry, as a pro-choice candidate, would of course tend toward selecting pro-choice judges. Bush, in turn, has already demonstrated his willingness to put pro-life judges into the courts. Many on both sides of the issue of abortion see establishing judges who agree with their stances as the best way to bring about the policy most suitable to them.

As such, a new issue not related to how well one candidate speaks or how many times a candidate changes his mind has cropped up, and it is one voters should take carefully into consideration.

Abortion and the Supreme

Court's future composition aren't the only matters aside from the candidates themselves that deserve attention. The Supreme Court situation only serves as an example to illustrate the point; a vote for one candidate or the other extends well beyond just who the candidate is and what his own beliefs are.

The election allows for voters to indirectly choose what kind of people they want appointed to numerous government positions, ranging from lower federal court judges to high-level positions—a point highlighted by the recent nomination of CIA Director Porter Goss.

The high-profile, almost in-your-face campaigning that has plastered television sets and media of all kinds with each candidate's faces and words for the last several months tends to focus on voting records, on the candidates themselves and on their particular stances. It is then easy to become lost among all those factors—not that they aren't valid and important in the election—and forget a whole range of other decisions that are indirectly, but still meaningfully, impacted by the voters' choice.

A vote for Bush, or for Kerry, does more than put either man in the White House. It is important for everyone to bear that in mind when deciding whether or not either one is worth voting for.

OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

HOT- or -NOT



Rockin' Eclipse

Dozens of Techies huddled together around their telescopes at the Yellow Jacket Park to watch Wednesday's total lunar eclipse, though some students chose to watch the end of the Red Sox “curse” instead. For those of you who missed out on the astronomical festivities, here's a brief recap—the entire moon passed through Earth's shadow and the result was a cool red moon.



Flu woes

The national flu vaccine shortage has hit close to home. The Student Health Center failed to receive any of the vaccine shots. While college students typically are not at a great risk of developing a serious flu case, students need to take precautions to fight the flu. Since we all live in close quarters on-campus and off, if you find yourself sick, do us all a favor and stay home with plenty of chicken soup.



Trick-or-Treat

Not only do we get an extra hour of sleep on Sunday, but it means we have one more hour for trick-or-treating on Halloween when we reap the rewards of Daylight Savings Time. With so many ways to put it to good use, what could be better than procrastinating and checking out the Towers Haunted House?



Poor Nappy Roots

Yet again an on-campus concert has been a bust, with less than a 100 tickets sold for Saturday's Nappy Roots concert, not unlike last year's Better than Ezra show. The pitiful lack of student support suggests that organizers need to hold out for a bigger draw or find a way to offer lower ticket prices.

YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tuition coverage valuable

I would like to commend the *Technique* in their diligent coverage of the tuition hike issue. I think I noticed more people reading the *Technique* while it covered the tuition hike than ever before.

I believe that the *Technique's* coverage of this issue helped garner support against the tuition hike.

It helped to mobilize students to take a stance against the hike.

The widespread resentment against the tuition hike was a cause that was taken up by a large portion of the student body (in the form of signing petitions and having student government reps talk to important officials).

That response was, what I believe, prevented the Board of Regents from making the tuition hike.

This example just goes to prove what people can do by making a little noise and having

their views heard.

Along the same lines, students can have a real impact on the world around them just by making themselves heard.

This is all the more reason for college students to get out and vote.

The people that we help to put into office are the ones that will in some way or another impact our education, the scholarships we receive and the jobs that are available to us once we get out of college.

Thank you, *Technique*, for showing the student body what happens when we take a stance on something.

Hopefully, people will take from this an inspiration to get out and vote in November and take a more active view on the policy decisions that impact us college students.

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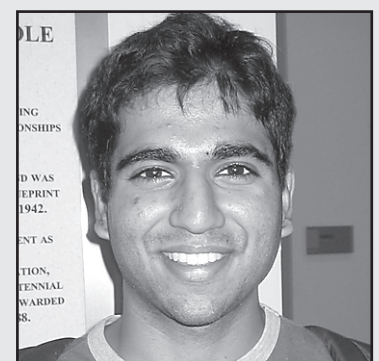
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Milli Vanilli: Lip-synching victims

By Josh Mullins
The Daily Athenaeum

(U-WIRE) MORGANTOWN, W.Va.—So did anyone see “Saturday Night Live” this weekend? I didn’t, but boy I wish I had. It turns out that musical guest Ashlee Simpson had a hilariously embarrassing mishap.

When Simpson came out for her second musical performance, she was supposed to sing her song “Autobiography.” Unfortunately, the song that played was “Pieces of Me.” Now, this wouldn’t be too terrible, but the problem is Simpson’s voice could be heard even though she had her microphone at her hip and wasn’t singing.

Say it isn’t so. Ashlee Simpson lip-synchs? I have to tell you all I was devastated when I heard this news. Devastated by the realization that people needed a track slip to find out that Ashlee Simpson lip-synchs, that is.

Come on people, wise up a little. Pop music isn’t about talent; it’s about an image. Acts get signed and then they get sold according to the image that their manager or record label honcho dreams up for them. Ashlee plays the punky, passed-over little sister. Though I’m sure she’s had practice for part of that role, you’ll never be able to convince me she is in any way punk.

People have been lip-synching

for years, and they’ll continue for many more. I don’t like it any more than you, but you better get used to it. But the good news doesn’t stop there folks. Studio magic can make almost anyone sound good. With the technology they have packed into recording studios nowadays, producers could make Roseanne sound like Whitney Houston, who, in actuality, probably sounds like Roseanne.

So what you have here is a situation where singers aren’t singing live, and may or may not be as talented as they sound on a record. And do you want to know who the real losers are in this tawdry, pseudo-karaoke affair? I’ll tell you, it’s not the music-buying public. No, the real losers here are Milli Vanilli.

Those poor souls are not an ounce guiltier than any top 40 pop artist of the last 20 years. But no, they had to give back their Grammys because they got caught lip-synching. And I’m sure everyone will say, “But they didn’t sing the original songs themselves.” To which I would reply, “Haven’t you been listening?” If it is OK for pop artists to doctor their voices during the recording sessions and subsequently lip-synch to it on the road, shouldn’t it be all right for Milli Vanilli to have someone else sing their record in its entirety? I say heck yeah.

BLINDED BY SCIENCE

Candidates differ in science policies

As I’m sure everyone who is reading this is well aware (I don’t think that the Tech bubble is quite that thick), our nation’s presidential election is Nov. 2. I will be voting for John Kerry. I don’t really see how anyone could vote to re-elect President Bush without having some kind of doubt as to his ability to lead this country. There are many issues on which I don’t agree with this administration.

As an environmental scientist, one of my main concerns is of course, the environment. As a simple matter of practicality, I think it is in our self-interest as a species to preserve and protect the environment that we depend upon. And I don’t know about you, but I’m not too keen on breathing in all that smog when I walk outside in the city either. It is my opinion that the current administration has been detrimental to the attempts to protect the environment.

For instance, President Bush pledged in his 2003 State of the Union address to cut air pollution from power plants by 70 percent over the next 15 years. Which would be well and good except that the provisions of the Clean Air Act would do a much better job at reducing pollution, would accomplish this over a shorter time span, and...they’re already in effect. So Bush’s proposal would mean smaller reductions in air pollution over a longer time span than would occur with the current policies. Understandably, a lot of



“The current administration has been detrimental to the attempts to protect the environment.”

Andrea Thompson
Columnist

people weren’t too wild about this plan, and the attorney generals of 12 states and several cities blocked the proposed changes to the Clean Air Act.

And not only has this administration attempted to weaken our attempts to fight pollution, they have also hampered certain fields of scientific research. The administration’s limit on stem cell research has been a highly controversial subject, with scientists saying that the limit is hindering a line of research that could help cure debilitating diseases. I’m certainly not insensitive to the potential moral conflicts inherent in this issue, but if there’s a chance that this research could help people who have to live with these diseases, we should by all means look into it.

That being said, I’m not just voting for Senator Kerry because I don’t agree with President Bush. I believe that John Kerry understands the importance of encouraging scientific research and listening to the advice given by scientists. I think that he would reverse the limits placed on stem cell research

because he understands the potentially groundbreaking results it could produce. I also think he understands the importance of safeguarding our environment and reducing pollution levels. I believe he has a commitment to researching alternative fuel sources that could both aid the efforts to reduce pollution and end our dependence on oil.

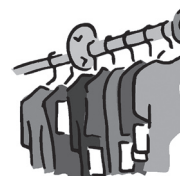
And I am certainly not alone in these opinions. According to an August Associated Press article featured on CNN.com, over 4,000 scientists, including 48 Nobel laureates, have signed “a statement condemning the Bush administration for misusing, suppressing and distorting scientific advice.” In fact, several of the scientists have endorsed John Kerry for president. As scientists, I think we are all dumbfounded by the disregard displayed by this administration towards science and would like to see a president who understands the importance of listening to scientists and using their advice in an objective and constructive manner. And I believe John Kerry is the person who will do this.

ELECTION DAY DRAWS NEAR

...bringing a flurry of campus events, including screenings of films such as *Fahrenheit 9/11*. But is any of that making a difference to voters? Page 13

NIFTY AND THRIFTY

Strapped for cash? Thrifting may be the solution... as long as you know what to look for. Check out our guide to some Atlanta thrift stores. Page 17



Once a Jacket...

Work, love, fulfillment give alumni reasons to return to Tech

Homecoming means different things to different people: for students, it means the parade, the game, fall break. For alumni, it means a return to Tech. But for some alumni, their homecoming occurred a long time ago, when they decided to come back to work for Tech.

Students who are intent on just "getting out" may wonder what brings these alumni back. For some, it's because they simply love Tech and enjoy being in a familiar setting. Others feel that by working here, they can give back to the community that nurtured them while they were a student. Others have connections, and still others just fell into the job and found that things were different when you're not a student anymore.

Alan Drosky, head coach for Tech's cross country team and one of the alumni profiled below, described how his perspectives changed after he graduated. "Sometimes early on, you can't see the light at the end of the tunnel...[but] when you get to the other side, it's what you look back on and realize that's what's so great about Georgia Tech. You realize that's what helped you along the way."

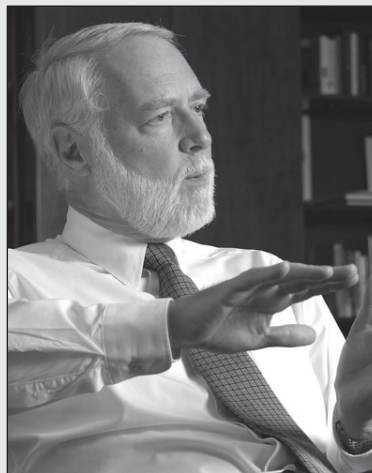
Here are seven Tech alumni who have come back to Tech—or, in some cases, never left. Each took different routes to get to where they are now, but all have stories to tell that echo similar themes.

...always a Jacket

Profiles by Kimberly Rieck, Joshua Cuneo and Amanda Dugan. Profiles continued on page 12. Photos courtesy Institute Communications and Public Affairs

WAYNE CLOUGH

Then: BS '63, Civil Engineering
Now: Institute President



Dr. Wayne Clough can remember the day that Tech voluntarily integrated its student body.

"The administration handled it well, and students handled it well," Clough said. "The mayor of Atlanta was a Georgia Tech graduate named Ivan Allen, Jr...[who] supported the civil rights movement at considerable cost to him and his family."

That is just one of the many experiences Clough had as a student at Tech. Clough attended Tech when "Atlanta was a big city of 600,000 people...and very little technology base." When he wasn't in class or co-oping with a railroad company, he divided his time between his fraternity, intramurals and

professional societies.

"I enjoyed civil engineering and took my studies reasonably seriously after awhile," he said. "Between work and fraternity activities and co-oping...and trying to get out of Georgia Tech, it was an active time."

Clough remained at Tech for his masters, but moved to Berkeley for his doctorate, where, he said, he witnessed the social upheavals of the late 1960s firsthand.

"The campus was surrounded by troops [twice], and we had helicopters going over...from time to time," he said. He added that his time at Berkeley gave him a diverse cultural experience that

was lacking at Tech in the 1960s. When he was nominated for the presidency in the early 1990s, Clough saw an opportunity to give back to Tech using those experiences.

"We [had] just created the Ivan Allen College, and here's the vehicle to really take a great technical school and make it something broader," he said. "[So this was] a chance to participate in the growth of an institution where I felt my talents lent themselves...and where it was really on the cusp of doing

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JULIE SWANN

Then: BS '96, Industrial Engineering

Now: Assistant Professor, School of ISyE



On today's student body: "I think we have an interesting student population. Sure, everybody's smart and would carry a pocket protector if this was the '50s, but there's a lot of other things going on besides just that."

Ask Julie Swann about her most memorable experience as a student, and she'll reply: "Let me think of one that I can admit to."

Swann admits to fighting construction of the Campanile because it took over valued green space, and remembers watching students chain themselves to trees slated to be cut down from Techwood.

However, some of her fondest memories include the preparations Tech made for the summer Olympics. "I graduated just before the Olympics and stuck around...and volunteered," she said.

Swann later completed her graduate work at Northwestern University and worked in industry before returning to Tech. Like many other alumni, Swann felt that by serving on the faculty, she could give back to the Tech community.

"I have a special fondness for Georgia Tech...I bleed white and gold," she said. "In addition...Industrial and Systems Engineering is the No. 1 program in the nation, so who can turn that down?"

Swann said that working at her alma mater means she's more attentive to things other than academics. "If you're a faculty member in a place where you didn't go...you don't care too much about the football game," she said. "But here you care that the Yellow Jackets beat Duke."

Being a professor also gives Swann an interesting perspective on teaching. "As a former student returning...I can tell students that any tricks they've tried, I've seen them before."



On his job: "Working here almost 19 years, there's never been a day when I've gotten up dreading to come to work."

RICH STEELE

Then: BS '85, Chemical Engineering
Now: Director, Student Center

According to Rich Steele, Tech once cancelled classes—on account of a cake.

"In 1985, I chaired the Student Center Centennial Committee, which was involved in institute celebrations for the centennial," Steele said. "We had a huge cake outside. We fed about 2000 people with this cake. And then it was such a big day, we cancelled classes."

Steele has been involved with the Student Center since 1983, when he served on the Homecoming Committee and co-founded the annual talent show.

Steele enjoyed his work so much that he took a temporary position with the Student Center after graduation. "I really enjoyed the interaction," he said. "I learned a tremendous amount about leadership, learned a lot about

myself...and I really liked that aspect a lot more than working at a chemical plant somewhere."

Steele's time and involvement at Tech means he's witnessed all of the changes in the Institute over the past 20 years, including the dynamics of the student body.

"I think we have more intellectual students...[who are] maybe a little more in tune with theory and philosophy and liberal arts," he said.

Steele was also present for the architectural improvements made in that time and was personally involved in the opening of the Student Services Building and the First Center for the Arts in the early 1990s. Steele served as the First Center's first director. He continued moving up the administrative ladder, eventually assuming the role of Student Center Director in 1994.

ALAN DROSKY

Then: BS '87, Industrial Management
Now: Head Coach, Cross Country and Women's Track & Field

A two-time All-American and five-time track All-ACC performer for Tech from '84-'87, Alan Drosky arrived in Atlanta in the summer of '84 as a transfer student from the University of South Carolina. He immediately made an impact, earning All-American honors twice at the NCAA Championships. He still holds the school record in the 1000- and 1500-meter indoor events.

However, one of Drosky's fondest memories is from a class he took from Phil Adler, a longtime professor in the College of Management. "He was tough. One day in class, he was asking a question, and...people weren't getting it. All of a sudden the answer came to me," Drosky said. "I don't even

On student athletes today: "The kids in the program seem busier. There just seems to be so much demand on their time. Maybe we had that too, we just didn't recognize it because we were in the middle of it."

remember the question, all I remember is Dr. Adler going, 'Drosky is the only one with me. I knew it, I could see it in his eyes.' I walked out of class feeling like a million bucks. It was probably the proudest I've ever felt."

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Always a Jacket

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RANDY McDOW

Then: BS '95, Industrial Engineering
Now: Director, President's Scholar Program

On how he proposed to his wife: "I proposed to her in the Tech Tower. It wouldn't work for most people, but she loves Tech so much."

After four years on the job, however, he started his master's in Public Policy in 1999. "I wanted to be a student at Tech again," McDow said. As a result, he enjoyed student benefits such as Swarm membership while still working at Tech.

When he graduated in 2003, he said, "I think I even surprised President Clough and the registrars when I walked across the stage." Timing worked in his favor, as his boss retired the week of his graduation and he had just received the credentials for assuming his current job as director of the President's Scholar program.

McDow has now been at Tech for 14 years, but he has even deeper connections. His grandfather is a 1932 alumnus, and his wife is a Tech graduate. Besides his engagement, McDow said that serving as an usher at President Clough's inauguration and celebrating the Capital Campaign as his Tech highlights. "We had raised so much in five years, and now we are able to offer so much because of it," he said.

McDow said a lot has changed on campus since he's been here. "It can be hard when you know a place so well and realize that a lot of issues are going to be around a long time, but it is nice to see the change happen," he said.

Randy McDow came to Tech in 1990. "I started the week the Olympics were announced and graduated right before they started," he said. After graduating in 1995, he immediately began working for Tech.

ALLISON GEORGE

Then: BS '88 Industrial Management
Now: Sports Information Director, Athletic Association



From the 1990 National Football Championship to last year's Final Four, Allison George been a part of it all from the sidelines. "I've always loved sports but I have no coordination whatsoever," George said. When she entered Tech in the fall of 1984, she contacted then-head coach Jim Morris about working with the Jackets' baseball.

By the end of her freshman year, George was running the scoreboard for the baseball team. At the beginning of her senior year, George decided that she wanted to make a career out of Sports Information. Luckily, George was able to fill a vacancy as an intern and took on the position full-time after graduation.

Fast forward to the present, where a typical week during football season includes attending practice, games

and press conferences. "On game days, I'm usually here about 4 hours before the game, and after the game I have to wait until all the writers are done...before I leave," George said. She also has to deal with an increasingly aggressive media.

While having all-access passes to every event is a perk, George said the best part of the job is the interaction with the student-athletes. "You get to know the coaches and their families on the personal level. Sometimes I think fans forget that when they're critical of them and student-athletes who are 19, 20-year old kids."

Her office also has four other Tech alums currently working as Assistant Sports Information Directors: Melissa Jenkins, Cheryl Watts, Chris Capo and Christopher Whitehead.

On changes she's seen: "When I started school, a parking sticker was \$35. In terms of athletic facilities and other buildings, we've come a long way."

JEFFREY DAVIS

Then: BS '93/MS '97/Ph.D '99, Electrical Engineering
Now: Assistant Professor, School of ECE



On being at Tech for so long: "People always assume I go to all the games...They start talking about football and expect me to have the inside scoop."

After receiving his B.S. from Tech in 1993, Davis headed to Caltech for graduate school. One semester later, however, he returned to Tech.

"Caltech was good, but I had offers still available at Tech and was coming back so often already," said Davis, who had met his wife, an Architecture major at Tech, six months before graduation. He went on to obtain both his M.S. and Ph.D. at Tech as well, and immediately took a teaching position. "I knew I wanted to teach, do research and stay in the Southeast. There is no better place than Georgia Tech," he said.

The switch from student to professor was a little awkward, however. "One week someone was my professor and the next week we were interacting as equals," Davis said.

He is pleased with the improvements on campus since he first started in 1989. "The trolley system has been a big change. It works so much better for us MARTA commuters."

On the other hand, Davis was disappointed when he found out that a rainforest mural he helped paint in Woodruff as a resident advisor is gone. The mural held sentimental value for him: "My wife's brother was a resident, and I met her...when we worked on the mural so much in the hallway."

However, Davis said he welcomes change, for better or for worse. "If you stay at the same place, you have to be careful to avoid the status quo," he said. "People can be critical, but I focus on diversity of thought even though there may not be a diversity of degrees."

SLIVER

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He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep, in order to gain what he cannot lose.
I can do a sliver too? Wow. I will have to come back and say something witty...and wise like all those other tech-heads.
The kicker's nick name is skarooski!
So when he kicks off, go "skoo...skoo.skoo..skarooski!"
P.S. Touch my tra la la.
give me a job

As Nov. 2 nears, some could care less

By Xing Guan
Contributing Writer

With the hours counting down until Election Day, and current polls showing this year's race between President George Bush and Senator John Kerry as close as it was in 2000, one would think political activism at Tech would be soaring.

However, despite the push by political organizations on campus to increase voter awareness, it is difficult to tell how the majority of Tech students feel about the upcoming election.

Perhaps surprisingly, many students are not planning on voting this time around.

For Tech's large international student population, citizenship requirements are a common reason for not voting.

However, even for students who are U.S. citizens, some just don't care.

"I'm not voting this year," said first-year Undecided Engineering major Jonathan Archer. "I'm not sure if I'm even registered to vote. I might be, but who knows?"

Some cited other reasons for forgoing their civic duties.

First-year student Louise Pan said she would have voted this year, but that her voter registration was sent back unexpectedly in the mail.

Some liberal students are not taking the time to vote because they don't feel it matters in states that are solidly Republican.

For example, Jonathan Landham, a freshman from Alabama, said, "I'd be voting as a resident of Alabama where the Republicans win by at least 20 points regardless...It would be a waste of my time."

The same train of thought can be carried over to some Georgia voters as well.

"Oh, I would vote normally," said Julie Weil, a second-year Manage-

ment major, "but I don't see the point of voting when Bush is going to win Georgia anyway."

In the 2000 presidential election, President Bush won Georgia and its 11 electoral votes with over a 54 percent of the vote majority, while Al Gore garnered only 43 percent of votes. Due to population growth, this year Georgia has 15 electoral votes.

On the other hand, students from swing states, such as nearby Florida, may feel like their vote counts more this year. Several swing states are up for grabs this year, including New Hampshire, New Mexico, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

I'm going to be sleeping—I'm not staying up all night for the election results."

Alex Rich
Third-year PUBP major

"I think if you're from a swing state, you have bigger responsibility to listen to the candidates and to not just follow the party line," said Ketan Sardeshmukh, a fourth-year Industrial Engineering major who is from Boca Raton, Florida.

Sardeshmukh, who sent in his absentee ballot two weeks ago, said he feels "your vote does count more than if you're from a predominantly Republican or Democratic state."

Other students don't need the extra motivation to vote.

"The electoral college makes the decisions," said Jim Montante, a fifth-year Electrical Engineering major. "I feel a regime change is imperative, and that's why I vote," said Montante, who mailed his absentee

ballot this week.

And then there are the third-party candidates. Third-year Public Policy major Alex Rich said, "I told my friend I was voting for a libertarian third-party candidate, so she accused me of throwing my vote away...But when she told me she was voting for the Democrats, I told her she was throwing her vote away too."

Even students who are taking the initiative to vote do not seem to be overly excited about watching the results come in on election night.

When asked whether he would rather have his candidate win the election or the Boston Red Sox win the World Series, first-year student and Massachusetts native Matthew Fallacara said without hesitation, "I would definitely rather have the Sox win this year."

Freshman Tyler Davis said, "I'll probably watch [the results] if I don't have anything better to do."

For other students, watching the results is a lesser priority when compared to sleep or schoolwork.

"I'm going to be sleeping—I'm not staying up all night for election results," Rich said.

Whitney Sanzero, a first-year Mechanical Engineering major, said, "I'll be studying, but I might have the results running in the background."

Tech's faculty members, on the other hand, seem to view the election with a little more interest compared to the student body.

Elizabeth Mauldin, an instructor in the School of Literature, Communication and Culture, said she is planning on taking the long drive all the way to North Carolina to vote in her hometown. In addition, Mauldin said she might plan an activity in class about the election results.

On election night, Mauldin plans to have a party. "We're going to be up all night watching the results," she said.

Dual *Fahrenheit*, *FahrenHype 9/11* screenings generate buzz, dialogue

By Jennifer Lee
Focus Editor

Students who were looking for a good movie had two politically-charged options last week: *Fahrenheit 9/11*, Michael Moore's controversial film about Bush and the war in Iraq, and *FahrenHype 9/11*, a film designed to refute some inaccuracies in Moore's film, were both shown on campus.

Delta Sigma Theta sorority showed *Fahrenheit 9/11* last Wednesday night as part of their sorority's mission of providing programs targeting political awareness. They invited the College Republicans, and the Republicans, who had

tossed around the idea of showing *FahrenHype 9/11*, took advantage of the timing to present a screening of that film the next day.

"We felt compelled to offer a response to it," said Ruth Malhotra, chair of the College Republicans.

Delta Sigma Theta's screening, held in the Student Center Theater, was followed by a discussion led by Kristle McBride, Delta Sigma Theta's political awareness and involvement chair.

"While the movie was one-sided, I did take it upon myself to do research," McBride said. She prepared a Bush vs. Kerry fact sheet to give

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By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Never too late for debate: Representatives from College Republicans, Democrats and Libertarians were present Tuesday night during a debate at Brittain Rec, organized by the Department of Housing.

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to attendees and also prepared some questions to guide the conversation—though the discussion, which began with the movie but expanded to various other topics, was fairly lively on its own.

“We had to cut it off; we had to say it was time to go, because people were ready to sit there and talk about it all night,” said Anita James, Delta Sigma Theta’s vice president.

One issue addressed during the discussion was the validity of showing *Fahrenheit 9/11* as part of a “political awareness” event.

“My question with them [was that] it was a very partisan event,” Malhotra said. “For students to make an informed decision, it’s good to hear both sides of the story.”

However, James and McBride explained that the goal of the event was not to try and sway students. “If this movie swayed your opinion... in my personal opinion, you weren’t a very educated voter in the first place,”

James said. “We wanted to stimulate discussion, talk about a controversial movie and maybe get people fired up enough to actually go vote.”

McBride added, “[It was] just to make people aware of what’s going on and the issues surrounding this political campaign.”

Though he didn’t agree with Moore’s movie, Christopher Dempsey, who organized the *FahrenHype 9/11* showing, said he saw nothing wrong with the sorority showing it. “I think it was fine,” said Dempsey, who is also recruitment director for the College Republicans. “Some people were upset that they were showing *Fahrenheit 9/11* on campus, but...it actually started the debate, which I thought was great.”

According to the organizers, both events had a good turnout—around 50 people at each event—and the audiences for both were fairly diverse.

James said that a variety of viewpoints were represented.

“We had black Republicans,

white Republicans, black Democrats, white Democrats...so I think it was a very balanced conversation,” she said.

For the Republicans, who organized their showing of *Fahrenhype 9/11* on a much shorter timeline, the turnout was especially encouraging. “I think we had a great event,” said Dempsey. “I couldn’t believe the turnout.” In addition, many of the attendees had been present at the event the night before, allowing some post-movie discussion comparing the two movies.

“We had some Delta Sigma Theta people, which was good, and then we also had some definite Republicans, and some middle-of-the-road people who had just seen *Fahrenheit 9/11* and wanted to find out what the whole story was,” Dempsey said.

Despite the events’ success, Malhotra reminded students not to take either movie entirely at face value. “I think you really need to investigate these things for yourself...before coming to your own conclusions,” she said.

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Drosky entered the graduate management program at Tech while serving as an assistant for the track and field coaching staff and training for the Olympic trials. “I missed [the Olympics] by about half a second,” he said. After completing his master’s, Drosky worked as a substitute teacher in Douglas County until a full-time coaching position with the cross country team came up. He took over the helm of the program in 1991.

“I love Georgia Tech. I loved my time here as a student and an athlete. I love working here and coming to work every day,” Drosky said.

He is currently in his 13th season as head cross country coach and ninth year as head women’s track and field coach. Off the field, Drosky is able to help guide student-athletes through Tech’s academic challenges. “I know what it’s like to be a student and trying to manage the academics and athletics,” he said.

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something exceptional.”

Serving as the president, though, is dramatically different from being a student. “Life is a lot more complicated,” Clough said.

Clough spends much of his time as a facilitator, helping members of the Tech community achieve their aspirations.

He also gets to talk a lot. “Almost every day, I give a speech somewhere, and...it’s fun to talk about our students and to tell our stories,” he said.

He is also active in Washington, where he serves on the President’s Council of Science and Technology Advisors and the National Science Board.

He said the experience has allowed him to promote Tech in political circles that did not acknowledge the Institute 40 years ago.

“I think Georgia Tech truly has a global reach today,” he said. “And it had very little of that back then.”

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Homophobia is the racism of the 21st century

The wheels on the wreck go round and round ...

Chris, I am NOT gay. So stop insinuating that I am. Because we all know your wife is a beard. So stop hitting on me already.

Hey, what about parent’s weekend AFTER you graduate and get a job? Seriously, I’m getting tired of cooking the same 4 things.

You know the funny thing, I thought having a friend I’ve known for more than a year here would be nice. Well, just thanking you for blowing me off once again, you won’t hear from ever again Julie.

I swear to GOD and James Brown that I will maim D.C. with a nearby blunt object before the semester ends.

The next person that knows I can breakdance and asks me to do a “spinny thing” on my head is losing their fertility. I mean it.

jerett is beat

tristate crematory

Today I took a dump into water that was hot pink.

It was quite the enlightening experience.

You know, I think 80% of the motivation to pick up a Tech-nique is to see the slivers

Poor high level administrators....only getting paid

\$100K+/year

They can all eat my butt

Why would you need to pay someone 100K+/year to say

“Do this and do that and bring me some coffee and a danish, woman”

If I’m not mistaken, life can still be lived comfortably with

an upper 5 digit salary

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and I will say it again... Go Kerry!

drop day should be dec 10th so tired, oh so tired

Why does GTCN21 look like crap?!?

those headphones in LWC are a nice add-on.

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Heard of Facebook? Jump on newest online bandwagon

By Halley Espy
Contributing Writer

Tech students are always quick to pick up on an internet trend, and **thefacebook.com** is no exception.

Introduced to the Tech campus only three weeks ago, hundreds of students seek membership daily.

Hilary Queen, a second-year Mechanical Engineering major, said simply, "I am addicted."

Thefacebook is an online network that connects people through interest groups and friends around campus. A free account can be set up by anyone with a college email address at Tech or other participating colleges.

Members are able to list information about themselves and their activities through a personal profile. In addition, members can include a photo, a class schedule and contact information.

Each account allows members to communicate and share information with friends on campus and at colleges nationwide, and sometimes results in students reconnecting with old friends they had lost touch with.

"I really like how it connects you to people from other colleges, espe-

cially from high school," said Cristy Yarbrough, a first-year Management major. "It's cool to see everyone's profiles and interests," she added.

Jim Stoddart, a first-year Architecture major, has also been able to locate old friends through Thefacebook. "I have been connecting with friends from [other] colleges; I have found people I haven't talked to since eighth grade," he said.

He added that Thefacebook will continue to get better as more students hear about it. "It's a great tool for connecting with people, but it would work better with a larger community of Tech students."

Started in February this year, the site has grown to host more

than 500,000 members from over 160 colleges and universities nationwide.

The idea for Thefacebook was launched by a group of Harvard undergraduates. Originally intended to serve as a sort of Harvard online directory, the site has sprawled beyond the boundaries of the ivy league to a sponsored, full-time business connecting several college communities nationwide.

Still operating their "local" business, five Harvard students maintain

the site and planned for extensive changes this fall, with Tech as an intended addition to the list of connected schools.

But how is Thefacebook any different from other social networking sites like **friendster.com**? According to some, Thefacebook offers a much different online atmosphere. While Friendster's unrestricted membership may give it the feel of an online dating service, Thefacebook confines membership solely to college students.

Additional features on the site set it apart from other online social networks: Thefacebook is a network of existing and budding friendships, not a random search to find friends through the internet. Users are able to post what they are looking for, ranging from friendship to "random play," and are also able to join social groups with those on campus with similar interests.

Whether students are looking to connect with intramural teams, club organizations, Greek societies, or via random interests, they are bound to be able to find something in common. Interest groups ranging from "George P. Burdell Fan Club" to "Sixth-Year Seniors" have already taken root.

Proponents of Thefacebook say they enjoy connecting with people whom they actually come in contact with in real life. "It's cool that you

can connect with people in your classes. It makes it easier to get things done with [those connections]," said



college students.

Kenneth Jackson, a first-year Management major.

Other students say that despite the convenience of using Thefacebook as a means of group communication, they probably wouldn't utilize the site to its full potential.

"I don't think I would use a lot of the features [to communicate]," said Will Freeland, a third-year Management major.

Other students have expressed concern about protecting their privacy within the network.

For example, Jennifer Burt, a first-year Architecture major, said, "A creepy fourth year keeps sending

me instant messages who I don't know."

However, Thefacebook allows members to control privacy settings and discern who is privileged to your profile and contact information.

And word of mouth is spreading. Students who haven't joined are either planning to or have friends who are persuading them to.

Anne Marie Jones, a second-year Biology major, says she has heard of Thefacebook but is not a member yet. "I haven't signed up yet, but I am excited about...[being] connected with friends at Tech and across the country."

"I wouldn't join just because everyone else is doing it, but I would join," said David Mack, a first-year Civil Engineering major. "It sounds like a pimped-out version of [AOL Instant Messenger]."

Freeland said, "I hadn't really heard of it before, but someone last night mentioned it."



However, for Freeland, peer pressure might win out. "I will probably blow it off, but I might join if others do," he said.

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ARE YOU IN THE BOOK?

Facebook, that is. It's the newest online trend that students are using to keep up with friends new and old. **Page 15**

WHEN YOU'RE ON TOP

Tech's volleyball team is top-ranked in the ACC and faces No. 2 Miami this Saturday. **Page 32**

Thrift stores hold hidden treasures

By Jennifer Allen
Contributing Writer

Face it, department stores make you want to bang your head against a wall and Wal-Mart is more enjoyable when you are being kicked out of it at 3 a.m. Thrift stores, however, offer a treasure hunt that everyone enjoys.

You might be thinking, "ewwww thrift stores; don't you have to boil the clothes you get from there?"

The answer is no...just use a really hot setting on your washing machine and you are good to go.

"You are not only going to stores to look for clothes, you are getting an experience," said second-year Architecture major Michele Rockoff.

The funny thing about thrift stores is that the sketchier the store looks, the cooler the stuff they have usually is.

Thrift store shopping is like a scavenger hunt. The fun of a thrift store can always be found in the search that takes place looking through stuff.

Is this cool looking '80s dress in your size? Does the old geezer hat go with anything you own right now?

"A thrift store is a place where you really go to just look around" said second-year Management major Destin Dunham.

It is true that most of the time

when you go to the thrift store you leave empty handed, but if you go with friends you will always have a good time.

So if you have some time to waste, there are three thrift stores around campus that offer a variety of different items.

The Salvation Army
746 Marietta St. NE
Atlanta, GA 30318

If you are looking to buy a couch for your dorm room then this is one place that you can go. They have a good selection in the furniture department.

The couches are in decent shape and the chairs more often than not have all four legs. The prices are reasonable as well. Most of the items cost \$30 or less.

You can also go here to find some really interesting '90s clothing. If you are ever in the market for one of those two-piece windbreakers, this is the place to find them. They come in a variety of colors and sizes for \$10 and under.

The one clothing item that the Salvation Army has plenty of is dresses. There is a plethora of evening dresses that would fit in well with dresses that your mom would absolutely love.

Atlanta Step Up Society Thrift Store
733 Monroe Dr. NE
Atlanta, GA 30308

The second store on the list is Atlanta Step Up Society Thrift Store.

I must admit that this store is my favorite. It is off of Monroe Drive, and it looks really sketchy but has the coolest trinkets.

The Atlanta Step Up Society Thrift Store has a better selection of better furniture than The Salvation Army by far. They have really decent-

looking dressers and couches for \$40 and under. Many of the couches have a vintage look; some look like they are from the '50s.

The clothing, on the other hand, is not as good. There is some selection there, but only one for men and another two for women.

The downstairs portion of the store is the best part. It has a huge selection of records for \$1.50 a piece.

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By Jennifer Allen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Second-year Architecture major James Roussos browses through some of the clothing selections in a thrift store.

Celebrate Dia de los Muertos

Is it really that time of year again already? You bet, kids. This Saturday and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. the Woodruff Arts Center is hosting Day of the Dead Festivities. With Mexican food, folklore, piñata workshops and surely some of those cool skeleton masks, good times are sure to be had by all. Best of all, admission is free.

Georgia Dome hosts band battle

This Sunday starting at 2 p.m. metro Atlanta high school marching bands will be strutting their stuff and competing for field-formation glory at the Atlanta Original Battle of the Bands. The event is at the Georgia Dome and tickets cost \$12-\$18.

Styx to play Centennial Park

If you're longing for a little arena rock this weekend, Styx will be performing at Centennial Olympic Park on Saturday. The show starts at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$5.

Former 'Fugee to perform in Atlanta

Hip-hop songstress Lauryn Hill will be gracing our fair city and the Nu Jazz Festival with her presence this Saturday night. The show starts at 7 p.m. at the Dekalb Atlanta Centre and tickets cost \$35.

Small turnout for Nappy Roots at Ferst disappoints concertgoers

By Brian Srikanthana
Contributing Writer

Last Saturday, Tech greeted Nappy Roots with a crowd marginally surpassing the first row of the Ferst Center. Concerts just aren't the same when you can't get lost in the crowd.

Listening to the music and "letting loose" becomes nearly impossible when you can't be an anonymous dancer to the vibes, when you are aware of everything and everyone in the room including yourself.

"[The concert] was pretty good, but the small crowd definitely took away from the atmosphere. It's hard to get a lot of energy going when it's so small like that," said Eric Polgar,

"[The concert] was pretty good, but definitely the small crowd took away from the atmosphere."

Eric Polgar
First-year ME major

a first-year Mechanical Engineering major.

Perhaps insufficient advertisement was the cause of the low attendance. Were the posters by the steps of the Student Center and library not enough? Should there have been more chalking of Skiles? Could ticket prices have been too high? With a Tech ID tickets were \$13.50, \$18 without. The small number of those in attendance is a mystery for such a popular group.

The six members of Nappy Roots, Skinny DeVille, Ron Clutch, Big V, R. Prophet, Scales and B. Stille, met in 1995 at Western Kentucky University.

They formed a band in 1997

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Find meaning in *I ♥ Huckabees*

By Evan Zasoski
Senior Staff Writer

I ♥ Huckabees, the latest offering from director David O. Russell of *Three Kings* fame is a cool little comedy about a pair of existential detectives, a corporate executive, an environmentalist and a firefighter in philosophical crisis.

For all intents and purposes, it's an hour and a half send up of an entire school of philosophy. Odds are, you'll either think it's a cute little flick that was worth your time or you'll hate it outright.

If you do, oh how you will hate it. This movie, mostly by nature of the subject matter, is full of itself in such a way that will absolutely boil the blood of anyone who can't stand a little pomposity in their movies.

So if, for instance, you hated the Architect in *Matrix: Reloaded*, don't see this movie. Stop reading this review and just put the whole idea out of your head, because *I ♥ Huckabees* might just make your head explode.

The plot goes like this: Jason Schwartzman, a beleaguered environmentalist who likes to write bad poetry enlists the help of Dustin Hoffman and Lily Tomlin, a pair of existential detectives, in order to figure out "what it all means."

Shortly thereafter, Jude Law, rising corporate superstar and Schwartzman's white whale, also calls upon the detectives in an attempt to further destabilize an already unstable Schwartzman and thereby eliminate a significant personal and professional headache. Basically, everything insanely snowballs from there.

Also making appearances in the film are Mark Wahlberg as a firefighter questioning the meaning of

life, Naomi Watts as spokeswoman superstar turned earthy loon and Isabelle Huppert as the detective's arch-nemesis/prodigious star pupil.

The cast in this movie is top notch, with all involved turning in great performances. The worst I can say is that from time to time, Jude Law's American accent slips and he sounds decidedly British, bringing you out of the movie ever so slightly, though

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Photo courtesy Fox Searchlight

Jason Schwartzman, Jude Law and Lily Tomlin are just a few stars of the comedy *I ♥ Huckabees*, now in limited release.

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and established themselves in the mainstream with the 2002 release of *Watermelon, Chicken & Gritz* which included the hit singles "Po' Folks," "Headz Up" and "Awwnaw." The album garnered an American Music Award nomination for favorite hip-hop/R&B group and a pair of Grammy Award nominations.

The group has received recognition from all over, including a holiday in their honor. Sept. 16 was designated "Nappy Roots Day" by Kentucky Governor Paul E. Patton. *Rolling Stone* called the album "the best thing to come out of Kentucky since the Colonel's chicken."

Nappy Roots prides itself on being a down-to-earth group. "We're

glamorizing being average," Skinny DeVille said.

"Man, 75 percent of the world is poor, so there's a whole lot more people who can relate to being poor than to being rich," Big V said in a past interview.

"We let it be known that we were really broke. We were really testing the water with that because...when [we debuted] your main status was based on how many chains you had

and how big of a car you had. That's not what Nappy Roots was on. We was talking about what the majority of people was going through," Scales said.

The walls of the Ferst Center vibrated all Saturday afternoon. Though the show would not start until 8 p.m., the openers for Nappy Roots had been practicing since four. The setup was professional.

Wide rays of colorful light shone through the fog coming off the stage. Blue and green ruffle-textured circles were projected on the backdrop followed by white and purple ones. The circles would then morph into different shapes.

The opening acts for Nappy Roots were Ishues, Psyche Origami, DJ Synthesis, DJ Dainja, MC Wyzstyk and Bobby Creek.

In the middle of his rap-song lineup Creek brought out a special singer for a performance of "Lean on Me."

Creek ended with some self promotion, having the crowd repeat "Bobby Creek" throughout his last song. After he left the stage, students were left to dance within their own groups to music by Outkast while they waited for Nappy Roots.

Nappy Roots came out with an incredible display of energy. They sang "Headz Up," "Po' Folk" and

"Awwnaw" to energize the audience and songs like "Blowin' Trees" to make things real. Big V said that they dedicate a part of every show to those that died in the rap/R&B music industry, and instead of crying they wanted to celebrate the lives that they had lived.

There was not much choreography to the dancing of the group. The vibes that they created seemed

to be more important than any flashy dance moves.

Nappy Roots ended their show encouraging everyone to vote. Though he would not disclose his age, Scales said that he would be voting for his first time in the upcoming election. "They put on a hell of a show...the energy that everyone was trying to pick up on kind of got around at the end...they just rocked the mic pretty sweet," first-year Mechanical Engineering major Willis Parker said.

"They put on a hell of a show...they just rocked the mic pretty sweet."

Willis Parker
First-year ME major

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that's hardly a deal-breaker.

Comedically, this movie waxes and wanes throughout the course of its 90-minute running time. Even when it's at the top of its game, most of the jokes are chucklers at best. So don't go in expecting to be rolling on the floor, because it probably won't happen.

For a movie that spends most of its time pontificating about philosophy, *Huckabees* is surprisingly pretty. Interspersed throughout are dream-like vignettes which are usually there to spice up a particularly verbose scene which would otherwise be just one or two people talking at great length. The overall effect is very nice.

Once again, your mileage may vary greatly with this movie. The showing I went to had about two-thirds of the audience loving it and the rest of them seemed quite ready to kill David Russell and eat his heart. Happily, the trailers for this one do seem to do it a fair amount of justice. So if you thought they looked stupid, then you'd probably be wise to not even bother.

Q.E.D.

Original
Comic
Strip



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SLIVER

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Don't go out and dl Halo 2, it sucks until they update it over Live.
GT Student goes to the Olympics.
GT Alum dies overseas.
Yo.

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Nearly New Shop
1715 Howell Mill Road
Atlanta, GA 30318

Nearly New, unlike the Salvation Army and Atlanta Step Up Society Thrift Store, mainly focuses on the clothing end of things, rather than furniture and trinkets.

Here is where you can find some of the greatest eighties dresses imaginable.

One of my favorites had to be this red dress that was one-shouldered with a puff on the top of the shoulder. The body of the dress was crinkled and the skirt consisted entirely of huge ruffles.

They also have a nice selection of brand-name clothing such as Old Navy Express in more current styles.

Thrift stores are a wonderful way to spend time with friends and to play dress up. The only scary thing is the thought that yesteryear’s fashion is today’s Halloween costume.



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10/31 Bella Morte, Salome’s Wish

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10/29 Van Heineken (a tribute to Van Halen), Weezer (a tribute to Weezer)

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11/1 Fifteen Minutes of Fame Karaoke

11/2 Funk Disco w/ DJ Romeo Cologne

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10/30 Justin Rosolino

10/31 Robyn Hitchcock

11/1 Sun Domingo, Autumn Attic, Abbie Huxley

11/3 Southern Bitch

11/4 Pleasure Club featuring James Hall

11/5 Donkey

11/6 Captain Soular Cat

11/8 3 For 5 Night: The Shadow-Line, Spunhuny, Rufus Grove

11/9 The Breakfast, Entropy

11/10 J Mascis & the Fog (featuring Dave Schools & Kyle Spence), The Sunshine Fix, Taylor Hollingsworth

11/11 Chris Whitley, Jim Bianco, Ken Will Morton

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11/5 MadHatter presents Jondi and Spesh

11/12 Highmix presents Felix Da House Cat

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GT Student makes it on MANHUNT! That deserves a lot of credit. GO PAOLO!

cocksmoke

YAMOTO!

Hotlanta ain’t been so hot lately.

To my favorite sorority sister: you SAID you didn’t have a problem with me dating him. Then why are you acting like a two-faced monster whenever we see you?

Calvin Johnson for President. I’d vote for him!

Hey Luke, I’ve been to Australia- and they make good beer there! So why did you have to pick something as gross as Cooper’s to be your favorite? YUCK!

Dear Luke Schenscher: you are most definitely my favorite and I am part of your posse. But please, please shave. I love the hair, just not the stuff on the face.

Internships that let you browse all day and still pay you are the best thing since ... well, since I last smoked the pot.

To the psycho guy from AIM: leave me alone, I don’t know you, we happen to go to the same school... nothing to get excited about, buddy.

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i didn’t know that every guy at tech is a perverted jackass that just wants the goodies. well, i guess i do now.

To the RI guy that I KNOW is reading this: GO RED SOX. Much Love, Your Boo.

Hey Ladies: start counting how many guys actually open doors for you and you will soon realize chivalry is most certainly dead around here. A little manners, please, gentlemen!!

Alcohol does NOT make it better.

Foulke the Yankees. V-Teck is a beast. Jeter is gay. A-Rod is an A-hole. Steinbrenner ruined baseball. Yankees SUCK, Jeter swallows.

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Get used to not knowing why you're here; advisement only confuses

I just saw that new movie, *I ♥ Huckabees*, you know, the eccentric art film about detectives who solve existential mysteries, like the classic, “Who am I? Why am I here?”

At first, I thought what a bitchin' idea it would be if I knew the answer to that mystery, but then I remembered something: after you've spent a semester at Tech, you've gotten used to not knowing who you are or why you're here.

In fact, I'm so used to not knowing why I'm here that the thought seldom even crosses my mind anymore.

Of course, there is one thing that will make you wish you had an exis-

tential detective and that's academic advisement. For those of you freshmen who haven't met your advisor yet, allow me to shed some light on academic advisement for you: this is the time when you sit down and meet with someone who is paid to make your life more confusing.

You go to his office and sit outside the door for an hour and a half while the woman there in front of you is sobbing because a scheduling crisis caused her sell to her soul to The Man for two more semesters

when she thought she was supposed to graduate in December. Then when you finally get your own 15 minutes with your advisor, none of the pressing questions you have get answered.

Not that this has ever happened to me, but it is my job as the Two Bits Man to present you with the worst-case scenario, because the worst-case scenario always makes for a more amusing column.

In fact, when I go to my academic advisor, I really only wait an hour. The academic advisor in one of my majors—and you'll know exactly who I'm talking about if you are in my major—has a bouncer. You go, and she will provide you a list of reasons why you are not worthy to see the academic advisor.

In case you're curious, "I have an appointment with him," is not a valid excuse. I've been clubbing in Miami, and despite the fact that I have the keen fashion sense that you would expect from a Tech student, it's much easier for me to get into a South Beach nightclub than it is to get into my academic advisor's office.

But I'm losing focus. Here I am talking about how hard it is to get into your academic advisor's office, when I meant to be talking about how confusing academic advisement is.

As I understand it, you are theoretically supposed to take classes that will bring you closer to your graduation and subsequent career, which will make you so much money that you can impress the fly honeys.

Let's be honest. If you go to Tech, it's probably not your outgoing nature that'll do it.

However, when you go to your academic advisor, you'll be advised to take graduate level classes in chemistry as free electives.

"Um..." you protest.

"They say Chem 8414 is a great class. I'm sure you'll really enjoy it."

Before you know what happened, you are signed up to work on your doctoral thesis in polymer chemistry. You're only in your third year at Tech, and suddenly you're responsible for designing a new plastic for space shuttles and iPods.

Oh, by the way, did I mention that you're actually a Civil Engineering major?

This has never happened to me either, at least nothing that bad, but nonetheless, I am a senior and I would like to graduate before I die so I am trying to wrap up those few remaining courses for my two degrees—yes, two degrees. So I'm so lucky as to have double the pleasure with academic advisement.

One of my academic advisors proposed what he considered to be a sublime engineering elective, when in reality he stuck me with a sophomore weed-out class for another engineering discipline.

Of course, I wouldn't be a very good Two Bits Man if I just sat here whining about the problems in the

world without offering a solution.

So, my proposition to fix the confusion of academic advisement would be to stop having academic advisement all together and just have one of those lotto ball machines with all of the course numbers on the balls.

Sure, you might still take Chem 8414, but at least you wouldn't have to sit outside for an hour, the advice would be of the same useless quality and the lotto machine doesn't need a bouncer.

As another plus to the Institute in the face of budget cuts, they wouldn't have to shell out the money to pay all of these advisors. The only person they would have to pay would be someone to fix the machine when it breaks. Of course, they might be just about as effective as the advisors themselves. Maybe we can't win after all.

Perhaps I'm tired of academic advisement because I'm jaded. I won't say how long I've been at Tech, because those savvy stalkers out there might try to figure out what *Technique* staffer I am by my age.

However, I will let you know that I'm past my first year, but I haven't been here as long George P. Burdell, though we do play poker from time to time.

Until next week, this is the Two Bits Man reminding you that if you're jaded and you know it, clap your hands.



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It's cool my babies. I figured you'd get a kick out of that!!
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 What Would Red Jesus Do?

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THEME CROSSWORD: PLAY BALL

ACROSS

1. Manhandle
5. Instances
10. Got ready to fire
15. Yegg's target
19. Vocal range
20. Habitation
21. One of the Beatles
22. Broadway production
23. Ambition
24. Salsa singer ___ Cruz
25. Unpunctual
26. Grade
27. Start of a quip by 86
Across: 5 wds.
31. Like some floors
32. Gin mill
33. Source of metal
34. Compassionate
37. Formerly, of old
39. Quagmire
40. Wife of Saturn
43. Originate
44. Walk stiffly
47. Part 2 of quip
50. Theater VIP
51. Variety of wheat
52. Mythical king
53. Hairstyle type
54. The walls have these
56. Silvery fabric
57. Official language of India
58. Mill output
59. Sign on an old store
61. Introduction
63. Fragments
64. Regretted
65. Part 3 of quip: 2 wds.
68. Broccoli ___
69. Rings
71. Love

72. Early computer
75. Troublesome car
76. Influences
79. Household appliance
81. Turner or Louise
82. Chester ___ Arthur
83. Bellows
84. Variety show
85. Bribe
86. Speaker of the quip: 2 wds.
88. Passover feast
89. Digression
91. Holy woman: abbr.
92. Unclose, poetically
93. Writer ___ Harte
95. Hits hard
96. Pro
97. Lennon's widow
98. Coveted award
100. End of the quip: 6 wds.
109. Fright
110. Torch and swan
111. Ancient language
112. Stuff
113. Den
114. Fully developed
115. A blessed ___
116. Make still
117. Friend in need
118. Rounded parts
119. Challenges
120. Olive genus

DOWN

1. "The Gift of the ___"
2. Thanks ____!
3. The Beehive State
4. Nymphets
5. Laugh
6. White poplar
7. Unbroken

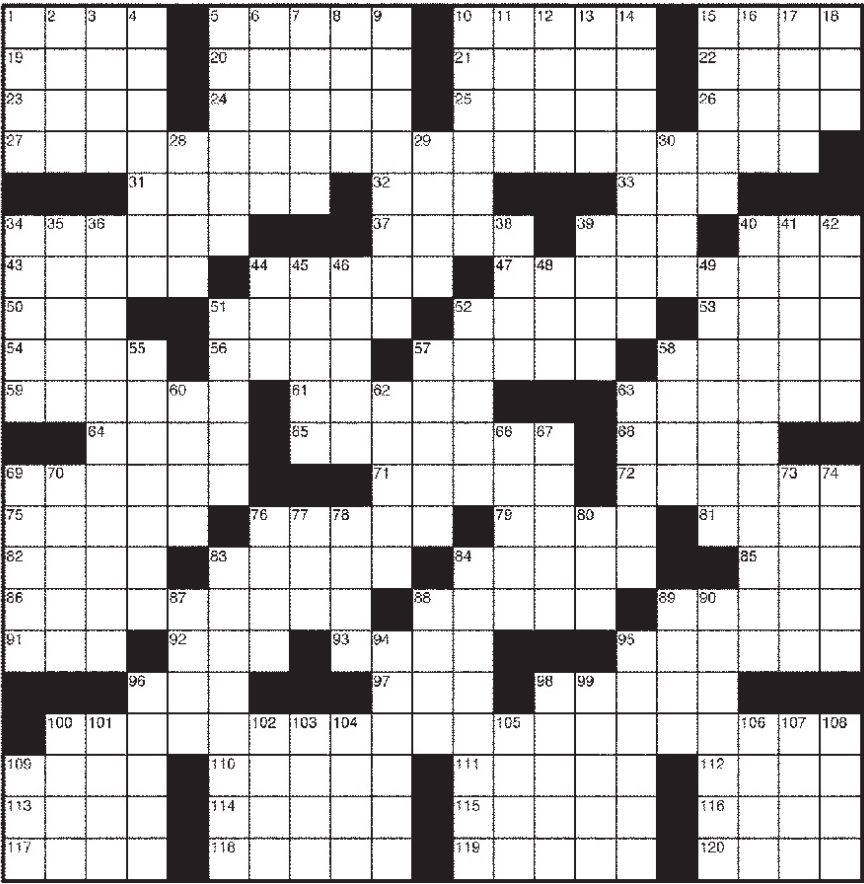
8. Use a blue pencil
9. Safety device: 2 wds.
10. Flowers
11. Type style: abbr.
12. Certain horse
13. Earth goddess
14. Old kind ___ of store
15. Binge
16. Jai ___
17. Concern of dieters
18. Stare
28. Time of day
29. Songbird
30. Advocate earnestly
34. Where the Styx flows
35. Dickens' ___ Heep
36. Copy of a kind: 2 wds.
38. Double
39. ___ B'rith
40. Trip to the doctor: 2 wds.
41. Pucker
42. Casino attraction
44. Hydro
45. Largo, presto and al-
legro
46. Watchful
48. Unmatched
49. Cheese over toast
51. Sleighs
52. Photocopier predecessor
55. Gelato cousin
57. Listens
58. ___ Carlo Menotti
60. Hammer part
62. Approves
63. Cut back
66. Snooped
67. Be of use to
69. Earthy materials
70. Serf
73. Battery terminal

74. Cod and Canaveral
76. Achy
77. Armed conflict
78. Graceful horse
80. "___ Town"
83. Counterattack
84. Updated, as a factory
87. Tome
88. Relayed
89. Female servant

90. Hot, dusty wind
94. Forces out of bed
95. Perfumes
96. Boat
98. Freshwater mammal
99. Gleam
100. Greenish-blue
101. Word in a forecast
102. Extinct bird
103. Ignore

104. Look flirtatiously
105. Kind of bean
106. River into the Caspian
107. Auction
108. Flaubert's Mme. Bovary
109. Sunshine state: abbr.

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was a little unexpected.”

Despite this strong performance ,the men were just edged by Tennes-see, 129-112.

“The men came out on Thursday and swam exceptionally well,” Baron said. “If one or two races had gone our way the outcome of the race would be different.”

The following weekend the Jack-ets traveled up to Athens to face the Bulldogs on their home turf, and despite having to leave the comforts of home, this would turn out to be a very special meet for one of Tech’s athletes.

In her first collegiate competition, Elizabeth Stowe managed to put her name in the school record books, finishing fourth in the 1000-yard freestyle with a time of just over ten minutes. She also won the 500-yard freestyle after breaking the five-min-ute mark. This time was the fourth best in school history.

“Elizabeth Stowe stood out [by] breaking a school record in the 1000-freestyle and was very close to her personal best in the 500-freestyle. Those were very solid and promising swims,” Baron said.

The women were also led by performances from Stephanie England, who had dual runner-up finishes in the one and three-meter springboard events, and Anna Saum, who finished second in the 100-yard backstroke.

“If one or two races had gone our way, the outcome of the race would be different.”

Seth Baron
Swimming and diving head coach

“I wasn’t 100 percent sure what to expect from our women because it was the first competition for them, but there were some individual performances that were very good.” Baron said. “I would’ve liked to be a little more competitive and a little more aggressive in our racing.”

Bishop, winning the 200-yard breaststrokes and finishing second in the 100-yard breaststroke, once again led the men, with Morgan putting in a solid effort, finishing second in the 500-yard and 1000-yard freestyle. Burkhardt also came through for the Jackets again with a first-place finish in the three-meter springboard event.

However these performances were not enough to help either the men’s or women’s teams. The women fell to the No. 2 Lady Bulldogs 164-119, and the men fell to the No. 6 Bulldogs 168-121.

This weekend, the Jackets will host an ACC Quad Meet with Florida State, Virginia Tech and Maryland. The meet will be held in the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center, which is a part of the Campus Recreation Center. Over the course of the weekend, the Jackets will be competing in 19 of the 20 events that are in the ACC meet at the end of the season. Admis-sion is free for students presenting a Buzz Card.

“I’m looking forward to [the quad meet] because it should be fun, and we are racing three other teams,” Stowe said.

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Freshmen have also made a con-siderable impact on the defensive side of the foot-ball, especially on the defensive line with redshirt freshman Adamm Oliver and true freshman Darryl Richard seeing considerable play-ing time.

Oliver, a defen-sive end, made an immediate impact this season when he filled in for Travis Parker in the starting lineup against Samford. In the game, he recovered a fumble and made four tackles. On the season, Oliver has recorded 3.5 tackles for loss and two sacks.

Richard, a highly touted defen-sive line prospect from Louisiana, has also worked his way onto the

“We think [Bennett] has a excellent future at the quarterback position.”

Chan Gailey
Football head coach

field this year. The 6’4” 300-pound defensive tackle has recorded three tackles for loss and a sack in spot duty for the Jackets.

Redshirt freshman Travis Bell and freshman Kyle Belcher have been crucial in the kicking game with Bell handling the placekicking duties, con-necting on six of seven field goal attempts and Belcher handling kick-offs.

Long gone are the days when players walk onto campus, are immediately redshirted and then serve an apprenticeship behind a veteran player, hoping to see the field by their junior year. At Tech, many freshmen have taken advantage of their opportunity to get on the field and are looking to be a solid founda-tion for the program’s future.

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her here at Tech. In addition, Nikki showed tonight the middle hitter that she can be-come.”

The Lady Jackets then con-tinued to impress in ACC play this past week-end, winning two important road matches at N.C. State and at North Carolina.

After sweep-ing the Wolf-pack, the match in Chapel Hill last Saturday proved to be more difficult but still resulted in a Tech victory (30-22, 30-24, 23-30, 30-26). Preseason All-ACC member Lauren Sauer posted a sea-son-high 24 kills. Another member of that team, Marissa Aston, had a

“It’s tough to play inspired on the road because the energy in the gym if focused on your opponent...”

Bond Shymansky
Volleyball head coach

season high in digs with 27.

“Tonight was by far the best defensive effort our whole team has ever put forth and it allowed us to resist the tide of momentum when it shifted in game three,” Shymansky said after the game. “It’s tough to play inspired on the road be-cause the en-ergy in the gym is focused on your opponent, but our team was steadfast in their determina-tion.”

That deter-mination will be tested again this weekend when the ACC-leading Tech volleyball team continues their schedule with three home games, playing Florida State on Friday, Miami on Saturday and non-conference opponent Cen-tral Florida on Monday, with all of the games starting at 7 p.m.

Women's basketball takes trip to Costa Rica



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Over fall break the women's basketball team embarked upon a five day tour of Costa Rica. This gave the relatively young team time to bond before the regular season.

By Clark Nelson
Staff Writer

In a startling change of pace, this season, the women's basketball team began their schedule with a tour of Costa Rica, playing four teams in five days. The Lady Jackets began competition on October 17 with a pair of victories over both the University of Costa Rica and Club Taca.

Tech cruised 70-32 against the University of Costa Rica with Freshmen Janie Mitchell and Chioma Nnamaka scoring 11 points each in the first game. Nnamaka scored all of her 11 points in the first half as the Yellow Jackets raced to a 46-

18-halftime lead.

In Costa Rica the rules for women's basketball differ somewhat from the American rules. To begin with, the game is played in 10-minute quarters instead of 20-minute halves, and at halftime of these games, the women's ball was replaced with a FIBA men's ball.

Tech kept the lead through the second half as Costa Rica managed only three field goals in the final two quarters. Janie was perfect in seven attempts at the free throw line and led the team with nine rebounds. Center Kasha Terry had 10 points and eight rebounds while Daphne Mitchell contributed six points and

six rebounds in the exhibition. The Jackets shot 43.5 percent from the field with 11 players in the scoring column.

Later that day, the Jackets downed Club Taca 52-33 with Megan Harping leading the way with 12 points. Tech scored 25 of its 52 points on 26 Taca turnovers. Jill Ingram led the way defensively stealing the ball six times, following up her five steal performance against Costa Rica. The Jackets managed just six points in the third quarter, but held Taca to two points. Janie scored in double figures again with 10 points, while Nnamaka scored seven against Taca.

"The games were a little confus-

ing, I must say. First of all, there was no shot clock. The announcer guy yelled out the time," junior Jessica Williams said.

The next day the Jackets returned to action against Bodega Radio and continued their perfect trip with an 80-53 victory. Janie was a go-to player again, scoring 15 points. In only 20 minutes of play, the freshman made seven of eight shots from the floor, grabbed six rebounds, handed out two assists and recorded a steal. Harping scored five of her 11 points for the game from the free throw line and was second on the team in rebounds with eight.

Williams also contributed with 10 points, nine rebounds and a steal in the game at the National Gym in San Jose. The Lady Jackets dominated in the paint, outscoring Bodega 44-18, grabbing 65 rebounds to 39 for the opponent and blocking five shots.

"We are playing better and better every day as a team, and it's really great that we've already had the chance to play three games when all the rest of the ACC teams are just now starting practice," junior Ashley Guerrant said.

The Jackets wrapped up their preseason trip to Costa Rica with a 75-58 victory over the Costa Rican National Team. After leading by as

much as 20 points close to halftime, the Costa Rican team went on a run, pulling within three points with 5:24 left to play in the fourth quarter. The Jackets responded with a three-point play from Jessica Williams to pull away.

Already showing promise the first three games, Janie Mitchell had her best performance yet, tallying a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds. The native of Jackson,

Miss. led the Jackets in scoring and rebounding in the exhibition games, averaging 14 points and close to eight rebounds per game. Nnamaka, a fellow freshman and native of Sweden, scored 15 points in the finale and averaged 10 points per game, good for second on the team.

Playing against the top players in Costa Rica, Janie still managed to have her fourth straight double-digit outing. Ingram, also a freshman, had six assists and four steals, while committing no turnovers from her point guard position. The Charlotte, N.C. native helped lead the Jackets with defense play, accumulating 18 steals in four games.

The Jackets finished their swing into Costa Rica unscathed. Their next game is this coming Tuesday against Premier Players at home.

"The games were a little confusing, I must say. First of all, there was no shot clock. The announcer guy yelled out the time."

Jessica Williams
Basketball junior

Rugby defeats UGA, has high hopes for season



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The rugby club fights for position as they try to score in a game last year. This year the team hopes to continue their success and make it to the conference championships.

By Farral Wang
Contributing Writer

The rugby club defeated UGA 20-5 this past Saturday at Athens. The team of nearly 40 members was ecstatic about defeating Tech's long-standing rival.

"Anytime time we beat Georgia is always exciting," Club President Brett Markwort said.

Being ranked the best team in their division, the Jackets have every reason to be proud. This year they will face tough competition from other teams like Auburn and

South Carolina who are in the same division.

This triumph over UGA, how-

ever, is only considered part of the fall season, where college rugby clubs from all over meet for friendly competition. The spring, also known as the Matrix season, is when the

competition between the colleges in their respective divisions is of significance.

The team began its fall season the first weekend of school. This does not keep people from joining, and all interested players are welcome to attend practice every Tuesday and Thursday 6 to 8 p.m. at the Burger Bowl.

"We are constantly recruiting new players regardless of experience or skill," Markwort said. "All are welcome to play, and everyone sees playing time on the field."

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the rugby team.

During Homecoming weekend, the alumni team, the Ogres, met up with the current team, the Georgia Tech Rugby Football Club (GTRFC), in a traditional head-to-head skirmish. In this year's close competition, the Ogres prevailed.

"We have a great team and a great group of guys," Markwort said. "Most people do not realize that rugby here is a social sport, and there is a loose atmosphere at

all the games."

The rugby team has had an excellent season so far, with a lot of new members interested in the sport this year.

"Our biggest goal is to bring out as many freshman as possible," player Jason Parrish said. The team

has several new talented players, like rookie freshman Greg Curtain, who was named Man of the Match at the UGA game.

The team has high expectations for the year. "Our big hope for this season is for a strong side, and we want to go to the conference

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Jason Parrish
Rugby player

championships next year," Parrish said.

The rugby club also has a separate B team that competes throughout the year. The B team plays the same tournaments and colleges as the A team does and has historically fared very well.

The next home game will be on Nov. 6 against Auburn at the Burger Bowl. For a complete list of their games, check out Gtrugby.com.

SLIVER

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I'm a STAC alumna and I am highly offended by the attacks on one young woman who was literate enough to write an article.

I Cease and desist your attacks!!

Eric Orrington- Let's go out sometime!!

VOTE FOR KERRY!

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reports of regular red jesus sightings 3rd floor skiles MWF

Reggie Ball/Red Jesus '04

B.U.C.K.F.U.S.H

DOUBLE_PENETRATION!!!!!!

All I want to know is...Who stole my theta?

go get the tweezers, he's done it again.

If I wore a bra would that change things?

5 needs less to drink.

5 says Blah!!

baton

why no paper yesterday???

amy phuong rocks!

I provide the boobs...you provide the alcohol!

Calvin Johnson is HOT!!

Welcome to the team Zam, Jeremis, Ra'sean and Anthony.

We're looking forward to seeing you all play:)

NOVEMBER 6th!! That's 8 days!!

We supply the boobs, you supply the beer.

theres a squirrel in the tree! but the birdies are sleeping

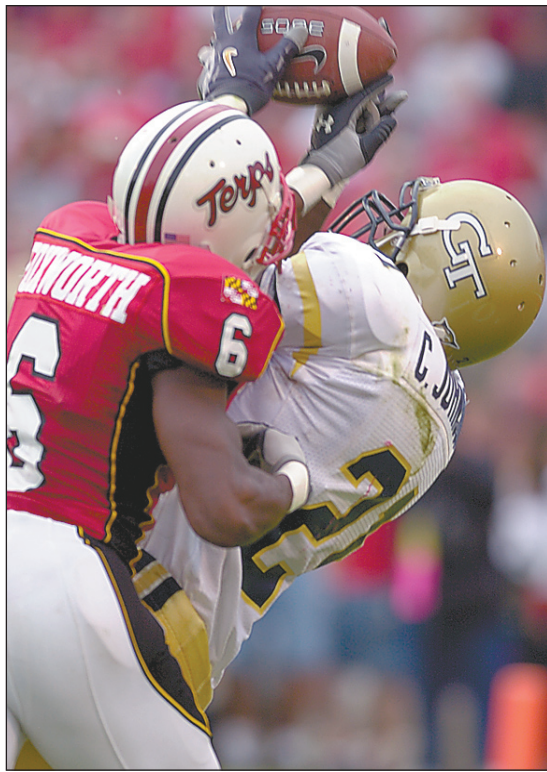
printed slivers, gone?

Sigma Nu can lick my goods!

I heart the kid. He's a sweetie... wonder if he likes me?

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Talented freshmen earn playing time, contribute



Photos by Christopher Gooley(left) and Bill Allen(right) / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Freshman running back Rashaun Grant (left) battles hard in the Jackets' win against Duke. Freshman wide receiver Calvin Johnson (right) makes a catch against the Terrapins in Tech's win.

By Kyle Thomason
Assistant Sports Editor

Every fall crops of highly recruited football players arrive at campuses across the country. With teams currently allowed only 85 scholarship players, a limit that came into existence in 1994, putting the best players on the field has led to a reliance on playing freshmen. This year

Tech fields some of its best yet.

With the opportunity to play, freshmen have made it a priority to show up on campus ready to contribute immediately.

"I had my mind set on (playing right away)," freshman wide receiver Calvin Johnson said as reported by RamblinWreck.com. "During camp, I really concentrated on learning the plays and the system. After I got that

down, it wasn't too bad."

This season Tech has several freshmen players playing critical roles for the 4-2 Jackets. Johnson, the most hyped of the group, has shown flashes of greatness and leads Tech with 23 catches for 395 yards.

The 6'4" receiver from Tyrone, Ga. opened the season in the Jackets' starting lineup and solidified his spot as a top receiver against Clemson,

catching eight passes for 127 yards and three touchdowns, including the game winner.

Although extremely soft-spoken, Johnson's actions on the field have spoken volumes about his confidence.

"I knew if they got it to me, I could catch it," Johnson said regarding his game-winning catch against the Tigers.

With the success has come much more attention from opposing defenses for Johnson. Johnson recorded only seven receptions in the three games after his breakout performance against

Clemson, but came back with a big performance against Duke.

"He's getting better," Head Coach Chan Gailey said. "He's already very good, and he's getting better every week. You think that a lot of people would try to do what Miami did, but [Duke] felt like they had to stop our running game, so they end up playing him one-on-one out there. He can go get it."

Johnson's 92 yards receiving and pair of touchdowns against the Blue Devils earned the wideout ACC Rookie of the Week honors for the second time this season. Although Johnson gets the most notoriety of the current freshmen, he is not the

only newcomer contributing to the Jackets.

Redshirt freshman running back Rashaun Grant has carried the ball 31 times for 144 yards on the season. Grant was particularly impressive in the season opener against Samford, when he received extended playing time and racked up 75 yards on 17 carries.

A pair of red-shirt freshmen, Kevin Tuminello and Matt Rhodes have been key components to Tech's offensive line. Tuminello has seen quite a bit of time at center, and Rhodes is currently at the top of the depth

chart at the left guard position. The pair looks to anchor Tech's line well into the future.

Although he has yet to take a snap, another freshman, who has caused quite a stir, is quarterback Taylor Bennett. The 6'3" left-hander from St. Louis, Mo. was elevated to the backup quarterback position before the Maryland game.

"We're excited about his future, and that's why we're doing what we're doing. We think he has an excellent future at the quarterback position," Gailey said about the decision to elevate Bennett.

"[Johnson]'s getting better. He's already very good, and he's getting better every week."

Chan Gailey
Football head coach

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COMING HOME

Many graduates find a more permanent place at Tech. The *Nique* profiles a few of these prominent alumni. Page 11

HOW AM I NOT MYSELF?

Jude Law, Dustin Hoffman, Lily Tomlin, and Naomi Watts tackle these and other deep thoughts in *I ♥ Huckabees*. Page 17



Swimming and diving starts season against Tennessee, challenges UGA

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

Despite a tough start to the season, the Tech swimming and diving teams are looking strong going into ACC action. This past week, the men faced the University of Tennessee at home and both the men's and women's teams went on the road to face the University of Georgia.

Led by the sweeps of the 50-yard freestyle and the 200-yard freestyle relay, the Tech men came out strong against the No. 6 Volunteers last Thursday afternoon. Evan Stowers led the divers with victory in the three-meter springboard event. Stowers and Tony Burkhardt both surpassed the NCAA Zone qualifying standard

with marks of 347.10 and 324.30, respectively. Ryan Bishop won the 200-yard breaststroke and finished second in the 100-yard breaststroke with junior All-American Sam Morgan tallying a second-place finish in the 1,650 free and a third-place finish in the 500 free.

"I was impressed with the speed of our sprinters. We went 1-2-3 against Tennessee in the 50 freestyle, that is unheard of against the University of Tennessee. They are traditionally a very rich, very strong, sprint oriented program," Swimming and Diving Head Coach Seth Baron said. "To see some early speed from sprinters like Ryan Riebesell and Teemu Kettunen,

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By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech battled the Bulldogs in Athens this past Saturday. Several swimmers posted impressive performances in the early season meet at UGA.

Volleyball dominates ACC



By Derrick Ma / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Lindsey Laband goes up for the Jackets against UNC in Chapel Hill. The Jackets defeated the Tar Heels. Laband has been a key component in the Jackets current 14-match winning streak.

By Geoff Davies
Contributing Writer

Despite a difficult beginning to their season, the volleyball team has shot back from out of the dark to take control of the ACC. Currently on a 14-match winning streak, they are now 16-5, including 10-0 in the conference.

Over fall break, the Lady Jackets took care of Virginia, Maryland and Georgia State, winning nine of 11 games in the three match victories at home.

On Friday Tech outlasted ACC counterpart Virginia. After two

easy games, the Jackets lost the third game before winning a close one in the fourth. Lynette Moster led the way with 29 kills and 15 digs while hitting .339.

Tech was triumphant again on Saturday, sweeping past Maryland (30-20, 30-21, 32-30). Lauren Sauer led the team with 19 kills, and Lynette Moster added 13 kills to go along with her 18 digs. Overall the Jackets outthit the Terps .305 to .135.

The final match of fall break weekend came on Tuesday. Moster contributed a match-high 25 kills, but the real story came in the

form of two freshmen. Lindsey Gray and Nikki Kaminskis had 17 and 11 kills respectively. It was a career high for each.

"This was a great night for two of our freshmen in Lindsey and Nikki. I thought that they both had excellent nights," Tech Head Coach Bond Shymansky said as reported by RamblinWreck.com. "At times, Lindsey was just dominating at the net, and to only record three hitting errors in a four game match shows that she has a bright future ahead of

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Football rushes past Duke in homecoming win

By Edward Tamsberg
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A few surprises and some close calls gave fans a homecoming game that did not disappoint as the Jackets trampled the Duke Blue Devils 24-7.

P.J. Daniels was the star of the show with help from the Tech defense, Calvin Johnson and Travis Bell's 47-yard field goal in the second quarter.

After establishing a ground game with Daniel's first touchdown and a game in the air with Johnson's 20-yard catch from Ball late in the second quarter, the Jackets decided to run something a little out of the ordinary.

"We practiced it all week," Head Coach Chan Gailey said after the game. "We put it in this week, actually I don't think we put it in Tuesday, I think we put it in Wednesday and practiced it Wednesday and Thursday."

Tech handed the ball off to Daniels in five of its first seven plays to open the second half. Then taking the ball on a second-down play, the running back rolled out to his right and tossed the ball 13 yards

to Johnson in the endzone for a touchdown.

"When they came into the huddle and called the play, 'Halfback pass,' I said 'What?' and then when I got the pitch I realized that I was supposed to throw the ball and Calvin [Johnson] got open," Daniels said

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Football running back

after the game

The Jackets' defense also had a day at the park on Saturday. Duke's star tailback Cedric Dargan started for the Blue Devils after missing four games with a leg injury but was held to only 31 yards on 20 carries for the game. The Jackets also recorded five sacks, a fumble recovery and held Duke to only 184 yards of offense.

"The thing that is happening with

our defensive front is that we are getting to play a lot of people now. We are getting some depth," Gailey said. "We have a six-man rotation that plays through there that is pretty good right now. That is helping us out tremendously. When you can do that, you can keep people fresh and we can keep our quickness up to par and close out those gaps."

Tech's romp was marred with three turnovers; two from interceptions of Reggie Ball and a fumbled handoff late in the first half. It was that turnover that setup Duke's only score of the game.

Although the Jackets won, the players were not completely satisfied with their performance.

"No, it's not satisfactory. We should have had at least two more touchdowns," Ball said about the offensive performance. "Unfortunately, Nate [Curry] stepped out of bounds and we had a couple of dropped passes, but we're going to work hard to correct those things."

The Jackets look to continue to improve and keep up their winning against ACC competitions over the next several weeks as they take on N.C. State.



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P.J. Daniels races past two Duke defenders on his way to the endzone. Daniels rushed for over 100 yards to lead the Jackets to victory against the Duke Blue Devils at homecoming.